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Clinton's Commitment: 'Action, Not Words'

At State Dept., New Faces May Recall Carter Days

By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — After 12 years out of office, the Democrats can dip into a talent pool for domestic policy and find experienced people in academia and industry and at the state and local levels. But when it comes to hands-on experience in foreign policy, the pool is smaller and may be limited almost exclusively to those who worked in the Carter administration.

He and Leaders In the Congress See a 'New Era'

By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton joined leaders of Congress on Monday to invoke "a new era" of close cooperation between the White House and the legislature, promising prompt action on the nation's problems, the economy first of all.



GERMANS RETHINK ASYLUM ISSUE — Björn Engholm, chairman of the German Social Democratic Party, left, and Oskar Lafontaine, deputy chairman, at a party conference in Bonn on Monday that was on the verge of dropping opposition to a change in Germany's liberal policy toward asylum-seekers. A resolution called for constitutional change to speed handling of cases. Page 2.

EC Partners Assail France For Blocking Farm Talks

Agriculture Officials Close Ranks Behind the Community Negotiator

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune PARIS — France's latest effort to block a possible deal between the European Community and the United States over farm subsidies backfired Monday as Paris came under attack from some of its own allies for undermining Europe's negotiating stance.

Paris Rebuffs Bonn on Taiwan Jet Sale

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune PARIS — France has brushed aside German concerns about an Airbus deal with China in order to sell Mirage fighter-bombers worth \$2.5 billion to Taiwan, officials said Monday.

Despite its public objections, the German government has little leverage on this issue with France. Airbus and its French contractor, Aerospatiale, can survive a cancellation of the Chinese order for a dozen Airbuses.

When Mr. Clinton makes appointments, there undoubtedly will be some new names. And if experience is any guide, they will come largely from universities and the staffs of Democratic members of Congress.

There was little mention of the details of programs, the manner in which they will be packaged or the timing of their introduction. But the arrival of a Democratic president and an overtly cooperative team of Democratic leaders in Congress heralded a much quicker pace of legislative action. The congressional

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POLITICAL DIVORCE IN LITHUANIA — President Vytautas Landsbergis in Vilnius on Monday after his independence party, Sajūkis, lost the general elections to former Communists. Voters were angered by economic difficulties. Page 7.

Japanese Argue On Plutonium, But Keep Plan

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service TOKYO — While a Japanese freighter steams ahead on its round-the-world voyage with a one-ton cargo of highly toxic plutonium, Japanese bureaucrats are in a running argument over the basic policy that launched the controversial shipment in the first place.

Detroit Policemen Charged

DETROIT (AP) — Two white policemen were charged with second-degree murder on Monday in the beating of a black motorist on Nov. 5.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones (Down 27.29), Trib Index (Down 1.19%), and The Dollar (New York, Men close, previous close).

How the U.S. Blocked Nuclear Sales to Iran

By Steve Coll Washington Post Service VIENNA — Iran was on the verge earlier this year of obtaining from China and Argentina equipment that would have allowed it to begin its own nuclear manufacturing, but quiet intervention by the United States has blocked the transfers, at least for now, according to officials involved in the negotiations.

A Bardic Tradition Lives, but Just Barely

He's Feisty, 91, and Japan's Last Singer of Ancient Legends

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service NANKAN, Japan — Yoshiyuki Yamashiki is 91. His fingers are so stiff that he says it is hard to pick up his biwa, the battered wooden lute he carried for decades through farming villages across Japan's southern reaches.

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Clinton Stresses More Active U.S. Role in Bosnia

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton reiterated on Monday his intention to formulate a more active role for the United States in the civil war in Bosnia, but one that would keep U.S. ground troops out of the former Yugoslav republic.

Clinton stressed that action by the Clinton administration to deal with the crisis could come soon after his inauguration in January. That would be the heart of what is expected to be a cruel winter for war refugees and residents of Bosnia.

Among the suggestions offered by Mr. Clinton were a concerted effort by the United States and Europe to tighten the economic blockade against the Serbian regime of Slobodan Milosevic, use allied naval forces to stop and search ships suspected of ferrying contraband to Serbia, pressure neighboring states to enforce the embargo.

Mr. Clinton said at the time that the United States "should be prepared to lead appropriate military support to that operation." Although the United States offered U.S. aircraft to enforce the ban, the Security Council deferred questions on enforcing the ban.



After their release from a Serbian prison camp in northern Bosnia, Croatian and Muslim prisoners of war were guarded by a Jordanian UN trooper.

A Sarajevo Question: Why Is Cease-Fire Holding?

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Military leaders of Bosnia's warring factions met Monday to discuss a cease-fire that has given Sarajevo five days of relative peace but which has failed elsewhere.

But there were reports as well that the warring sides were using the truce to rearm and redeploy, and that some fighting was continuing.

Other reports said Serbs were advancing on Travnik, held jointly by Muslims and Croats and jammed by Muslim refugees from central Bosnia.

Measures would not completely stem the flow of oil and weapons to Belgrade. The council resumed debate Monday on strengthening the sanctions, with dozens of countries lined up to speak about how to punish Serbia and Montenegro for supporting aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

German Party Rethinks Its Position on Asylum

By Craig R. Whitney  
BONN — The main German opposition party was on the verge Monday night of dropping its opposition to change in the country's constitution to allow Germany, like other European countries, to rule on applications for political asylum in weeks instead of years and reject unfounded claims swiftly.

Strongly condemning the recent violence, the party seemed headed on Monday toward agreement at an emergency conference here that an estimated 800,000 asylum-seekers this year alone had overwhelmed Germany's ability to absorb them and caused social chaos that threatened to undermine the stability of German democracy.

More than 75,000 asylum-seekers, many of them Gypsies, have come to Germany this year from Romania alone, causing widespread discontent among Germans.

Most important, it called for exhaustive application of existing laws and procedures to speed up the process and make it easier to expose abuses by applicants who seek delay by throwing away their passports or refusing to give their names.

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Advertisement for the Austria Center in Vienna. Text includes "Physicians do it, Magicians do it, Let's do it, Let's fall in love with Vienna" and "Did you know Vienna has one of Europe's most modern convention centers?".

Likud Uses U.S. Model To Refocus Leadership

By Clyde Haberman  
New York Times Service

Jerusalem — Battered at the polls and riddled with disension, Israel's once-dominant Likud party began to rebuild itself Monday by embracing U.S.-style electoral practices.

That Mr. Netanyahu now looks so large bespeaks the political changes that are in progress here, moving away from the collectivist, backroom style that has dominated for decades and toward a television-oriented system of primaries and direct elections.

For the first time in Israel's political history, an American-style political campaign seems to be working, said Yaron Ezrahi, a political scientist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Likud's first-ever primaries will be held in March, and the winner, who will need only 40 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff, will automatically become the party's leader.

WORLD BRIEFS

China Warns on Hong Kong Accords

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) — China threatened Monday to pull out of agreements with Britain on the future of Hong Kong if authorities in the British colony do not drop plans to introduce major political changes before 1997, when China resumes control over the territory.

U.K. and Dublin Cite Talks' Collapse

DUBLIN (NYT) — Irish and British officials acknowledged on Monday the collapse of nearly two years of talks aimed at a peaceful settlement of the 25 years of civil war in Northern Ireland.

Brain-Dead Woman Miscarries Fetus

BERLIN (AP) — A case that had embroiled Germany in a debate over medical ethics ended Monday when a young brain-dead woman miscarried after having been kept on life-support machinery for six weeks in an effort to bring her pregnancy to term.

Kenya Delays Election Until Dec. 29

NAIROBI (Reuters) — The Kenyan authorities on Monday postponed landmark general elections from Dec. 7 until Dec. 29. The decision follows a successful court appeal last week by opposition parties for more time to nominate candidates.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Paris Transit Backs Off Reform Plan

PARIS (AFP) — The city's public transit authority announced Monday that it was suspending a reform plan that had prompted a union-led series of daily strikes starting Tuesday.

Party Backs Fabius In Blood Scandal

By Barry James  
PARIS — France's blood scandal seemed centered Monday to damage the Socialist Party in coming parliamentary elections after the party threw its support behind Laurent Fabius, who was prime minister when hundreds of hemophiliacs contracted AIDS from a contaminated blood product.

2d IRA Bomb Found, British Warn of 'Blitz'

By Eugene Robinson  
Washington Post Service  
LONDON — After the police found and defused a second huge terrorist bomb in as many days, officials warned Monday that Irish Republican Army activists may still be planning a major pro-Christmas blitz in London.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including "SPC Underworld Has Col Games" and "Herald LIVING NOW FOR DELIVER TO 1-RM".

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## ★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

### For Clinton, Not Yet Time for Air Force One

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton will fly in a military jet to Washington for his Wednesday meeting with President George Bush, the White House said.

It will be one of the jets from the presidential fleet, said the spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, but not the one customarily used for Air Force One.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton will meet one-on-one in the Oval Office for an hour, and Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary, will stay Wednesday night in Blair House, the VIP guest residence a half-block from the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Barbara Bush will give Mrs. Clinton a look at her new home on Thursday, Mr. Fitzwater said. Mrs. Bush, now in Houston house-hunting, will not return to the White House until Wednesday evening.

It will be Mr. Clinton's first trip since the election and the first time he has flown on a military aircraft as president-elect. Mr. Bush will retain use of Air Force One, a Boeing 747, until inauguration Day, Jan. 20.

Mr. Fitzwater said the Air Force was likely to use a C-9 jet, a military version of the DC-9, for the president-elect's trip.

"President Bush will simply reiterate that he wants a smooth transition and will cooperate in any way possible," Mr. Fitzwater said. "I'm sure they'll have some matters to discuss in terms of international affairs and perhaps also dealing with Congress."

"There's no fixed agenda — whatever President-elect Clinton wants to talk about," Mr. Fitzwater added. (AP)

### Matching Aides and Jobs — the Latest Names

WASHINGTON — Every president-elect pays back top campaign aides with jobs in his administration — though some job fillers turn out to be less than the best or the brightest. The latest campaign names being floated out of Bill Clinton's headquarters as prime job prospects seem to have adequate wattage.

Heading the latest list of prospects is the Democratic national chairman, Ronald H. Brown, who is being considered for either U.S. trade representative or secretary of commerce. He is clearly owed a big job, an insider says, but probably will not get either of two biggest posts he has been mentioned for: secretary of state or attorney general.

Bruce Lindsey, a Clinton campaign director, may wind up as counselor to the president. And Mark D. Gezan, Vice President-elect Al Gore's campaign chief of staff, could become White House press secretary. (LAT)

### Barbara Bush Now House-Hunting in Houston

WASHINGTON — Among the first of the personal tasks facing George Bush is figuring out where he will live when he leaves Washington Jan. 20. His house in Kennebunkport, Maine, is not fully winterized, and he spent much of his adult life — apart from his time in Washington — in Houston.

Throughout his presidency, his "home" in Houston was a rented suite in the Houstonian Hotel, and his official voting residence was a narrow, vacant lot not well-served for a building. Thus, it falls to his wife Barbara to begin checking out properties lined up by friends in Houston as potential winter homes.

Mrs. Bush kicked her husband good-bye at the steps of Air Force One at the end of a Florida fishing vacation and then flew to Houston to begin looking for a new home for the president and herself. (LAT)

### Puerto Rican Statehood — a New Old Issue

WASHINGTON — Statehood for Puerto Rico, a volatile issue that died in a Senate committee more than a year ago, may be headed back to Congress following the sweeping victory by statehood supporters on the Caribbean island earlier this month.

As a result of the startling defeat that backers of Puerto Rico's current U.S. commonwealth status suffered in the Nov. 3 elections, a three-way referendum on the island's future now appears certain sometime next year.

If that vote follows the pattern of this month's election, as many predict it will, the result is likely to be a petition to Congress to make the impoverished U.S. possession the 51st state. (WP)

### Quote/Unquote

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, on Mr. Bush's need for a vacation to get used to the idea of losing: "You put everything into it. You fight hard for six, eight months. You think you're going to win. It's your whole life, and so it takes a day or two to turn around your thinking. But by this time everybody is in good shape." (AP)

### Away From Politics

• Jury selection began in the trial of Kristin Lynn Caldwell, 17, charged in McKinney, Texas, with soliciting the murder of her parents because they disapproved of her boyfriend.

• An "unusual event" occurred at the Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Fork River, New Jersey. Operators reduced power because of a problem with sealing the reactor building. An "unusual event" is the lowest of four emergency categories in operation of nuclear plants.

• A wooden balcony packed with party-goers collapsed and plunged 25 feet (about 8 meters) onto a rocky shoreline at Malibu, California, killing one person and injuring 20, authorities said.

• A Harpoon anti-ship missile was accidentally launched in the Caribbean by the U.S. Navy in 1982, posing a deadly threat to civilian and military ships in the area, the Houston Chronicle reported. According to the report, the navy admitted the powerful missile, carrying 500 pounds (about 225 kilograms) of explosives, flew to the limit of its range just above the wave tops before falling harmlessly into the sea.

• The delivery of a radar system to the National Hurricane Center has been moved up because of a natural disaster in the United States and another on the other side of the globe. A \$3.5-million Doppler radar system originally planned for use at Clark Air Base in the Philippines will be delivered to the Coral Gables forecasting center in Florida as early as February, 13 months ahead of schedule. The eruption of Mount Pinatubo caused the closure of Clark, and a hurricane damaged the weather service radar in August.

• Several suicides among Emergency Medical Service workers in New York City may be due to the stress of dealing with other people's traumas, a report suggested. Three deaths this year among the city's 3,000 emergency workers were confirmed suicides, according to American Medical News, an American Medical Association weekly journal.

• Cambridge has granted legal recognition to homosexual couples. It became the first city in Massachusetts and 19th nationally to do so. Several gay and lesbian couples were to sign affidavits at the city clerk's office in order to gain certain rights now extended to married couples. (UPI, AP)

• Catholic bishops tried to salvage their document about women even as more denunciations of it surged from church ranks. The document affirms the worth of women but says they cannot be priests. It was questioned by some bishops at the opening of their autumn meeting in Washington. Several challenged deletions in earlier drafts and asked how much it was influenced by Vatican interventions.

## Lifting of Ban on Gay Troops? Try to Tell That to the Marines

By Eric Schmitt  
New York Times Service

JACKSONVILLE, North Carolina — For years, they have carried the burden of double lives, existing behind the cover of fictitious girlfriends and boyfriends and marriages of convenience. Behind their crisp salutes and the don't-mess-with-me swagger, they have hidden the anxiety of being discovered and thrown out of the service.

Now, gay and lesbian soldiers look forward to the day when President-elect Bill Clinton will lift their veil of secrecy by following through on his promise to overturn the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces.

But they also fear that a darker, more troublesome time looms as the tradition-bound military braces for one of its greatest cultural changes.

The tremors of the brewing showdown are palpable in this conservative military town that is home to Camp Lejeune and its 43,000 Marines and sailors — the largest Marine Corps base on the East Coast.

"This is a very macho, masculine, homophobic bunch, and there will be some hell raised," said Gary Hendricks, 25, a gay former corporal who decided to leave the Marines last August after six years, including four months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

Gay Marines here said they would continue to keep a low profile among co-workers after the ban is lifted, fearing harassment and possible violence from other Marines who oppose the policy change.

The apprehensiveness seems warranted. Homosexual servicemen at bases around the country openly expressed anger and concern about Mr. Clinton's proposal. Some threatened to quit the service. Others said they expected harassment of homosexuals to increase.

"We just don't want them around us — we just want them to stay out of the Marine Corps," said Corporal Russell Phillips, 23, an infantryman here.

Lance Corporal Jeff Bynum, 23, another infantryman, said, "It would be like putting me in the barracks and the showers with women."

Gay soldiers said that publicized fears that rescinding the ban would ruin morale played on the worst stereotypes of gay people as promiscuous sex fiends.

"That's ridiculous," said a bisexual Marine sergeant who has spent 12 years in the military. "What I do in my private life I keep totally separate from my work."

No one knows exactly how many gay men and lesbians serve in the 1.6-million-member armed forces, but 14,000 have been discharged for homosexuality over the last decade.

In the area around Norfolk, Virginia, home to more than 110,000 navy personnel, opposition to lifting the ban is widespread. Sailors often spend six months at sea, berthed in triple-stacked bunks. Several seamen said avowed homosexuals would add intolerable stress to the cramped quarters.

"Out at sea, there would be no place for them to go but after you," said Petty Officer 3d Class Dainyon Green, a cook on a destroyer.

At Fort Hood, Texas, a huge army installation that sees thousands of troops to the Gulf, some soldiers said they would quit the army rather than serve with avowed homosexuals.

"If you work with some guy, who's gay, how can you be sure you won't get AIDS?" said James Pearson, 26, a mechanic.

Other soldiers acknowledged that thousands of gays serve ably in the military, often with the knowledge of sympathetic co-workers and superiors. These soldiers said they would judge homosexuals on their job performance, not their sexual orientation.

"As long as they don't bother me, I don't have no problem," said Specialist 4 Chienera Early, who is assigned to Fort Jackson.

Most homosexuals interviewed said that lifting the ban would probably mean few outward changes in their lives. "I don't think there will be a mad rush of raging queens down to the nearest recruiting office," said Mr. Hendricks, the former Marine who is now a forklift operator in Jacksonville. "The two lifestyles just don't mesh."

Given the current ban and the overt hostility toward homosexuals in the armed services, one wonders why gay people join up.

Gay military men and women said that they were often unsure of their sexual orientation when they entered the military in their late teens or early 20s. By the time they acknowledged their identity, many of them said, they were reluctant to give up the parts of military life they liked: camaraderie, excellent education benefits, overseas travel and leadership challenges.

Ms. Tamposi, who was then an assistant secretary of state, said she told Mr. Berry during the Sept. 28 call that she was "uneasy" about his inquiry and that she would need a "legitimate request" from a legislator before she would consider searching Mr. Clinton's files.

When all that Mr. Berry produced the next day was a letter from Representative Gerald B. H. Solomon, Republican of New York, in which he made a generic inquiry about "dual citizenship" and did not mention Mr. Clinton, Ms. Tamposi said she believed the matter had been ended.

But on Sept. 30, she said she was told by a subordinate that he needed her approval for a search of those same records for material about Mr. Clinton, justified by the requests from three news organizations, the sources said. Ms. Tamposi approved those requests but said that three of her deputies had to be present to ensure that the search was done correctly. Searches were conducted Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

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practice awards. Many states have tried to hold down insurance costs by limiting damage awards in medical cases and other personal injury lawsuits.

At 8, Nicole underwent a skin graft operation for burns. She was given too much of a solution to replace body fluids lost during surgery. She suffered temporary heart and breathing failure, and lost the oxygen flow to her brain for about 6 minutes. Now 13, she is unable to care for herself and needs constant supervision.

In other action, the court: • Agreed to decide whether the testimony of federal trial witnesses may be challenged by telling the jury about their prior convictions for willful tax evasion. A Pennsylvania case will be used to resolve conflicting appeals court rulings over the admissibility of such evidence.

• Set aside a ruling that ash produced by garbage-recycling plants is hazardous waste and requires costly methods of storage and disposal.

• Refused to reinstate a California law that denied some veterans' benefits to men and women who did not live in the state when they joined the military.

• Agreed to resolve a dispute over the federal government's effort to hold down the subsidies it pays to owners of low-income housing.



Mrs. Clinton greeting Mr. Gephardt, right, and Mr. Foley.

## Meeting Gives Mrs. Clinton a Higher Profile

United Press International

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton, in answering a question Monday, may have added more fuel to speculation over the role that his wife, Hillary, will play in his administration.

During a news conference at the State House, Mr. Clinton was asked whether his wife had been at meetings on Sunday with him, Vice President-elect Al Gore and Democratic congressional leaders.

"She was," Mr. Clinton said. "She stayed the whole time. Talked a lot. She knew more than we did about some things."

Mrs. Clinton's style during the presidential primaries fueled speculation about how much influence she would have in a Clinton administration. But during the general election campaign, her role was muted.

## Fired Official Links White House to Clinton Files

By Walter Fincus  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The State Department official dismissed last week for searching passport files of President George Bush's election opponents said she approved the searches after being told the White House wanted to see whether the files contained "some letter of renunciation of citizenship" by Bill Clinton.

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# Political Heir's Illness Worries Singapore

By Michael Richardson  
*International Herald Tribune*  
SINGAPORE — Lee Hsien Loong, the man widely expected to be Singapore's next prime minister, is undergoing treatment for cancer, the government said Monday, raising questions about the future leadership of a country that has become a model for economic development.

Mr. Lee, 40, deputy prime minister and minister for trade and industry, is a son of Lee Kuan Yew, prime minister of Singapore for 31

years until he stepped down in 1990 to become senior minister in the cabinet. The elder Mr. Lee is 69.

Lee Hsien Loong has been considered the most likely successor to Goh Chok Tong, 51, who took over as prime minister two years ago.

His illness "introduces a serious note of uncertainty into what had seemed would be a smooth and well-planned political succession in Singapore," a Western diplomat said.

In a statement Monday intended to calm public nervousness, the

government quoted an American cancer specialist as saying that Mr. Lee had at least a "90 percent" chance of being cured.

Analysts said that if Mr. Lee made a full recovery, the orderly succession that his father believes is essential for Singapore's stability would likely occur.

But should he be forced by illness to retire from politics, it could generate tensions in the governing People's Action Party, because there is no other obvious successor, analysts said.

The statement issued by the government also said that Ong Teng Cheong, Singapore's other deputy prime minister, had a "low grade" form of cancer.

News of the two illnesses sent tremors through Singapore, an island-state that depends heavily for its prosperity on strong leadership and political stability.

The government issued the statement on the medical condition of the two deputy prime ministers following a sharp fall in the Singapore stock market Monday as nervous investors dumped shares on rumors that the two men were ailing.

The benchmark Straits Times Industrial Index plunged nearly 33 points, or 2.25 percent, to close at 1,414.27.

# Panamanian Voters Rebuff Leader As They Reject Plan to Scrap Army

Agence France-Press  
PANAMA CITY — A referendum to scrap Panama's military and amend the constitution was defeated in a vote seen as a rebuke to the performance of President Guillermo Endara.

The vote Sunday was the first since U.S. forces in 1989 toppled the Panamanian ruler, Manuel Antonio Noriega, now serving a 40-year prison sentence in the United States for drug-trafficking.

"We defeated these clowns," said Gerardo Gonzalez, president

of the pro-Noriega Democratic Revolutionary Party.

Voters rejected a package of 58 constitutional changes, including one that would have made Panama the second Latin American country to eliminate its armed forces after Costa Rica, which did so in 1949.

With 73 percent of the ballots counted, the "no" vote led the "yes" vote 63.4 percent to 31.77 percent. The Electoral Tribunal said nearly 60 percent of the 1.4 million eligible voters did not cast ballots.

Singapore, a densely populated and multiethnic country without natural resources, has developed into a flourishing financial, manufacturing and communications hub largely because investors have confidence in the sound economic management and political continuity of the government.

A spokesman for Mr. Goh said that no immediate cabinet changes were expected.

"Any changes in the government's leadership would be premature at this time," he said.

The official statement said that Mr. Lee had localized cancer of the rectum. He began chemotherapy treatment on Monday after doctors said there was a high probability of long-term cure.

Mr. Ong, 56, was diagnosed as having a low-grade malignant lymphoma in the neck, with minimal involvement of the bone marrow. The statement said that doctors had recommended that no treatment be given at the present time, and that Mr. Ong had decided not to undergo chemotherapy.

Mr. Goh, the prime minister, was quoted in the Singapore press on Monday as saying that his most urgent task was to find people of ministerial caliber to renew the ranks of the cabinet.

# Naval Chief Assassinated In Sri Lanka

Reuters  
COLOMBO — A man on an explosives-laden motorcycle crashed into a car carrying Sri Lanka's navy commander Monday, killing him and three other people in a daylight attack in the center of the capital. The Defense Ministry said the blast killed Vice Admiral Clarence Fernando, his bodyguard, his personal assistant and the driver of the car.

The motorcyclist, also killed, was believed to belong to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrilla group, which has been fighting for more than nine years for a separate Tamil homeland in the north and east of the Indian Ocean island. Monday's was the third major suicide attack in the capital in two years.

The incident caused the New Zealand cricket team to cancel its three-test tour of Sri Lanka. "They are going back," a cricket board spokesman said. "The New Zealand team has expressed its wish to return home."

# Shattering of a Somali Family

By Jane Perlez  
*New York Times Service*  
BARDERA, Somalia — By traditional Somali standards, the family of Nur Ibrahim Omer and his wife, Fatima Ali Abdi, was well-to-do. They herded livestock over vast and empty spaces, drank camel's milk and celebrated with singing and dancing when the seasons were good. They were self-sufficient, living a pastoral existence that had changed little for centuries.

Modernity arrived about three years ago when men from a rival subclan armed with assault rifles, instead of the usual spears, swept in and stole their camels, cattle and goats. Bereft of their wealth and the means to recreate it, the once-proud family began a steady slide into destitution.

In August, after three of their children had died and the last of the grain was gone, Mr. Omer and his wife bundled up their favorite cooking pots, collected their three surviving children and shuffled, stopped and wept, for three days to this bush outpost.

They came because word had spread through the countryside — and the gini of planes in the sky telegraphed for those who had not heard — that foreign food was providing some relief from hunger.

For three months, the couple and their children have lived in a disease-infested camp for the displaced, sheltered more or less in an igloo-shaped hut of sticks and sheets of plastic, living hand to mouth on food aid, supplemented by whatever Mrs. Abdi can buy with pennies earned from selling firewood and water.

The story of what happened to the family, whose members had based themselves for generations in the village of Bahole, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of here, is a microcosm of how Somali society, particularly in the central and southern sections of the country, has shattered, mostly under the weight of clan fighting and to a lesser extent under drought.

More than anything else, the hit-and-run clan skirmishing, raised to a new level of violence by the automatic rifles given to Somalia by the Cold War superpowers, contributed to the famine that has engulfed the country. It was in those raids and fighting that more than one-third of the country's livestock perished, veterinarians estimate.

The lives of Mrs. Abdi and Mr. Omer were wrecked in this fashion about three years ago — it is hard to know precisely because Somalia tend to be vague about time — when the gunmen stole their livestock.

Mrs. Abdi, 40, said the local oral history included stories of terrible families in which people were reduced to eating camel skin, times so bad that the dancing ended.

"Now we are in a terrible mess ourselves," she said. The dancing has stopped again. "What was there to dance for?" she asked.

Left without his animals, his prime wealth, Mr. Omer said he had tried to plant crops. He owned considerable land in one of the most fertile areas of Somalia, but he had no luck.

"I planted and they died; I planted and they died," he said. "We had no rain. We were waiting for God."

By sharing with relatives in the village and judiciously using the small quantities of grain they had salvaged from their failed crops, the family was able to survive until the middle of this year.

# Refugees Near Aden As Cargo

Reuters  
SANA, Yemen — A refugee ship packed with Somali refugees, including up to 400 children, was under French naval escort bound for the Yemeni port of Aden on Monday night.

The French warship Commandant Ducuing, carrying emergency supplies, sailed the Gulf of Aden on Monday to reach the refugee ship, said by its owners to have been hijacked.

A French Navy spokesman said in Paris that the situation on board was less serious than had been feared. The two vessels left Mukalla for Aden where they are expected tomorrow, he said.

"There is no food, no medicine, no water," a spokeswoman of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva said of conditions on board the freighter Samaa-1. She said the 3,000 people on the freighter were packed in "like sardines" and up to 400 small children on board needed treatment for dehydration.

Relief officials said food and water had been ferried to the ship while it was anchored off Mukalla, northeast of Aden.

The Dubai-based Samaa Asia Shipping, which owns the Samaa-1, said earlier that the ship had been hijacked by gunmen in the Somali port of Marca.

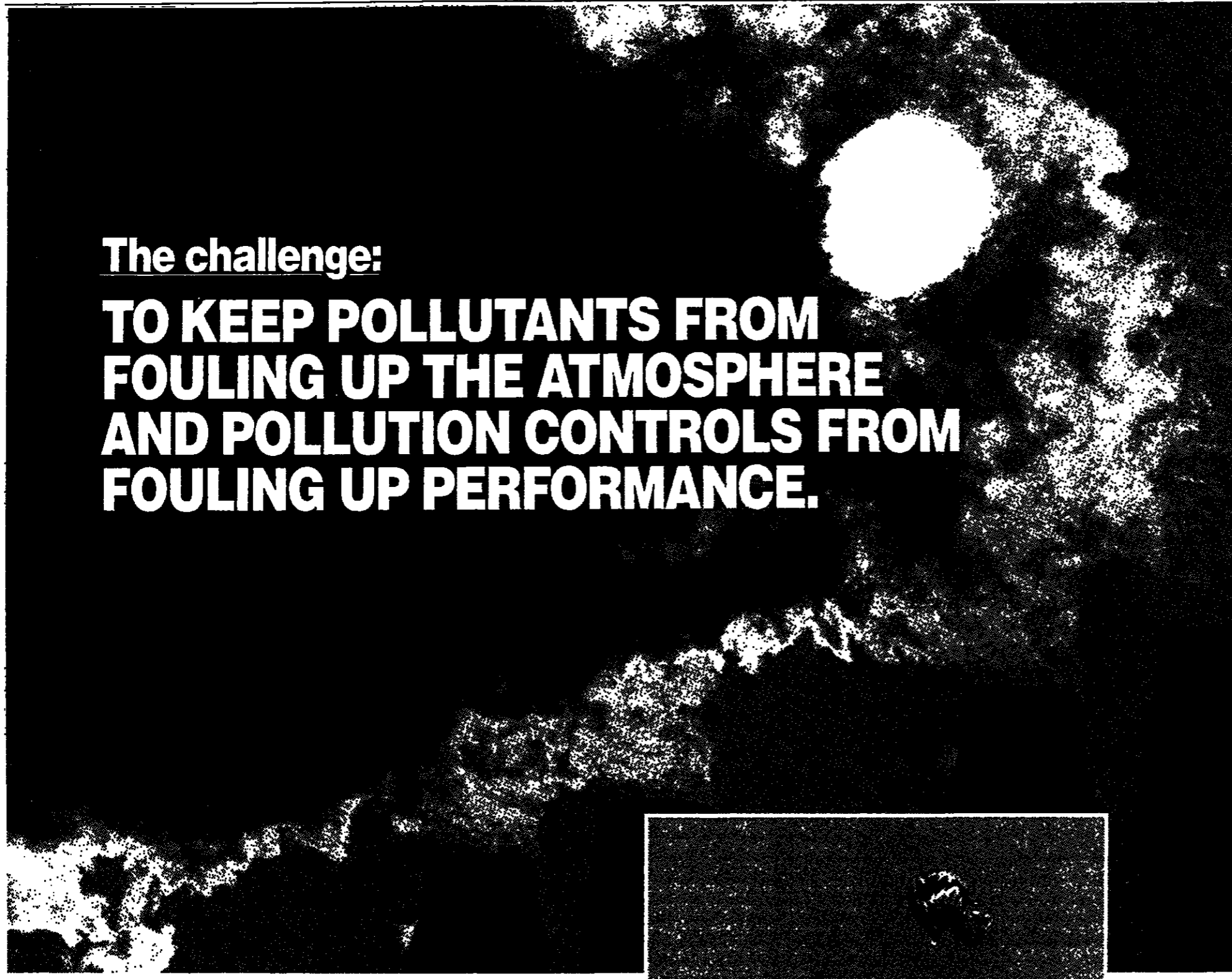
More than 100 Somalis died in June when they tried to swim ashore after their refugee ship was refused permission to land near Aden. After appeals from the United Nations, Yemen later allowed the refugees in.

At least a million people are threatened by death from starvation in Somalia, a nation that has crumbled into feuding clan fiefdoms since warlords united to drive President Mohammed Siad Barre from the capital in January 1991.

# Illness Delays Honecker Trial

The Associated Press  
BERLIN — The manslaughter trial of Erich Honecker was recessed Monday after the former East German Communist leader suffered an irregular heartbeat and high blood pressure.

Mr. Honecker, 80, complained that he felt ill about one hour and 40 minutes into the second day of his trial, in which he and five other Communist figures are blamed for the deaths of people killed while trying to flee the former nation.



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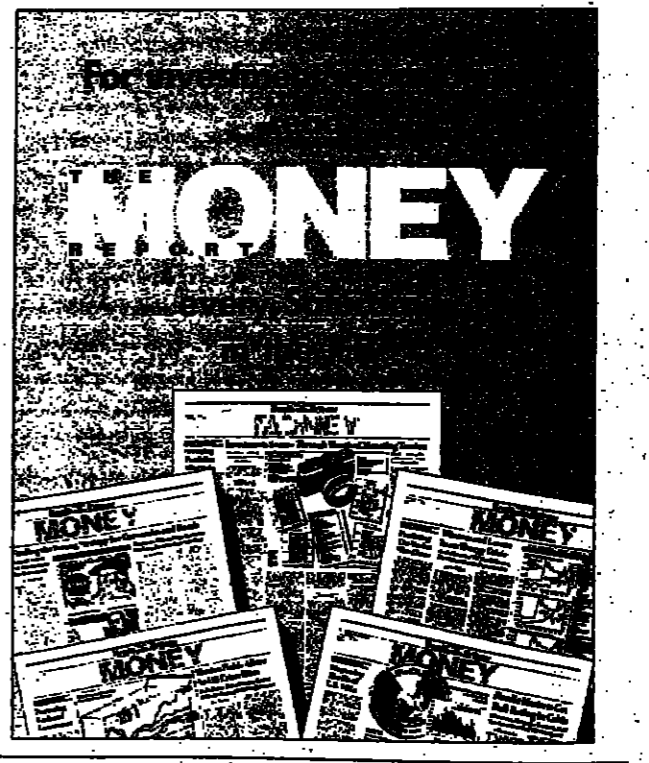
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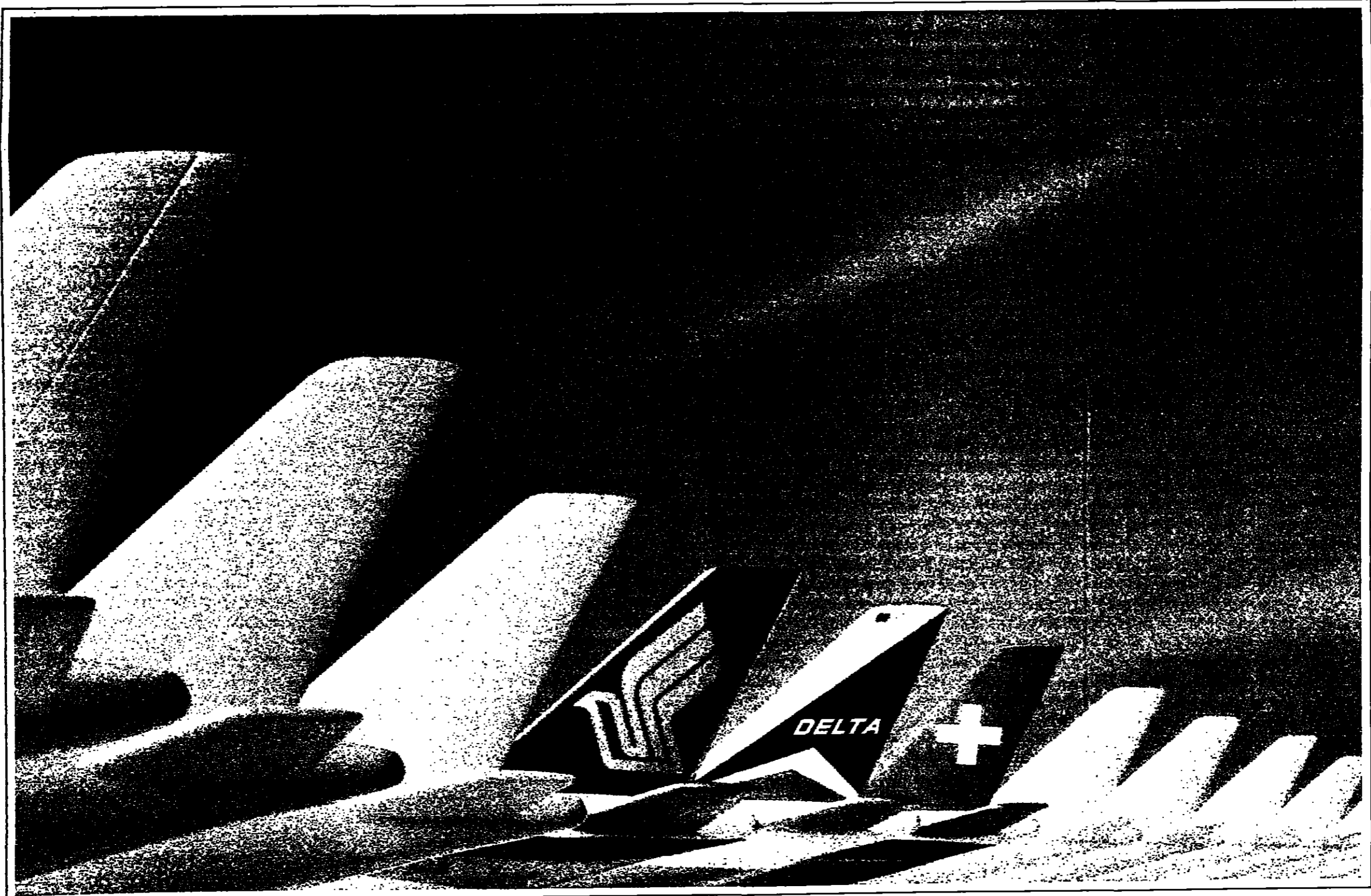
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Mr. Clinton making a policy point in Little Rock on Monday as senior Democrats listened. From left are the Senate majority leader, George Mitchell; Vice President-elect Al Gore; the House majority leader, Richard Gephardt; and the House speaker, Thomas Foley.

CLINTON: President-elect and Congressional Leaders Pledge 'New Era'

(Continued from page 1) Leaders effectively control both the agenda and the timing of votes, and thus have enormous influence. While declining to provide a timetable for his first weeks in office, Mr. Clinton said, "I will be in a hurry." He said he believed that "personalities" in Washington would not present as great an obstacle as the nature of the problems themselves, but he added, "I may be overly optimistic."

TALENT: Choices Seem Limited to Carter's Ex-Aides

(Continued from page 1) through the resumes, he will find that the biggest list of potential appointees—one with more names than it is possible to mention—goes back to the Carter administration. And, while they collectively are tied to memories of the Iran hostage crisis, their overall mark on foreign policy actually was much more complex and far-ranging. "For most of its first three years, the Carter administration had a foreign policy record that, while controversial, was largely successful. It introduced human rights as a major factor in U.S. policy-making. It took a large agenda of unfinished business left over from earlier administrations, the Panama Canal treaties, the opening to China, the lifting of Congress's aid embargo against Turkey, and handled it successfully. And, in what was its high point, the Carter administration spearheaded the Camp David accords that made peace between Israel and Egypt and that now have been re-

U.K. Judge Will Probe Iraq Sales, Major Says

(Continued from page 1) LONDON — Prime Minister John Major, accused of trying to hide his involvement in military exports to Iraq, said Monday that a judge would investigate whether Britain violated its own ban in the six years before the Gulf War. Mr. Major announced the inquiry last week when three British businessmen were acquitted of illegally selling Iraq machinery for making weapons after a former trade minister acknowledged encouraging the sales. The statement Monday, however, indicated that the inquiry would cover other facets of British involvement with President Saddam Hussein's military, including fabrication of giant guns and allegations that Britain supplied equipment for the Iraqi nuclear program. The Labor Party pressed allegations Monday that Mr. Major, who says no one told him about the sales, was lying. "It is time that John Major owned up to his responsibility," a Labor spokesman said, "for a government that armed Saddam and put men on trial for doing what ministers had agreed."

IRAN: Nuclear Deals

(Continued from page 1) because their export equipment could be linked by Iran to supplies from China, a nuclear weapon state involved in the past in sensitive exports to such nuclear threshold countries as Algeria and Pakistan, one official said. Meanwhile, U.S. State Department officials lobbied heavily with the Beijing government to prevent the sale to Iran of a large nuclear research reactor that would have supplied a supply of enriched fuel and would have allowed Iran to conduct a variety of work related to the nuclear fuel cycle, officials and diplomats said. J. Stapleton Roy, the U.S. ambassador to Beijing, visited a Chinese nuclear facility outside the capital in March and inspected a model of the reactor bound for Iran, according to a Western diplomat. "When I was young it took 10 days to plant rice," he said. "Now it takes three. So everyone thinks you can do everything in a short time." Late in life Mr. Yamashita has become something of a cultural icon. A film of his life, and many of his stories, just opened in Tokyo. But scholars say they believe they have heard only a third of his stories, and fear the rest could be lost forever. Mr. Yamashita says maybe so, but that is life. "If they are gone," he said, wincing in some pain as he turned his biwa, "they are gone."

PLUTONIUM: Tokyo Adamant

(Continued from page 1) al warning" pollution problem. Japan has poured billions of dollars into building a plutonium cycle over the last decade. But in that time, some of the assumptions underlying it have changed. Uranium is a nuclear fuel safer and easier to use, and more abundant and much cheaper than it was when Japan committed itself to the expensive plutonium effort. There have been signs for months that some government officials have doubts about the plutonium plan.

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# With Kabul Falling, Soviet Slide Began

By Michael Dobbs  
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — The most powerful men in the Soviet Union were gathered in the Kremlin for the traditional Thursday meeting of the ruling Politburo. The calendar on the wall read Nov. 13, 1986.

After calling the session to order, Mikhail S. Gorbachev initiated a debate that changed the course of Soviet and world history.

"We have been fighting in Afghanistan for six years now," said the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, glancing at the Politburo members gathered around the long, walnut table. If we don't change approaches, we will be fighting there for another 20 or 30 years.

"We must finish this process in the swiftest possible time," he said. According to the minutes of the Politburo session, until recently a closely held secret, Andrei A. Gromyko, one of the small group of Soviet leaders who made the decision to invade Afghanistan in December 1979, agreed with Mr. Gorbachev.

Not so long ago, he reminded his colleagues, the Politburo had decided to make an all-out effort to prevent arms supplies from reaching the anti-Communist mujahidin in Pakistan and Iran. The effort had proved fruitless.

"Today our strategic goal is to end the war," said Mr. Gromyko, who served as Soviet foreign minister for nearly three decades. Acknowledging that the mountainous, almost medieval land on the Soviet Union's southern borders was not after all, ripe for a Communist revolution, he said they should "end it in such a way that Afghanistan will be a neutral state."

The secret deliberations over Afghanistan in November 1986, revealed in newly declassified documents obtained from the Kremlin's archives, are likely to be viewed by future historians as a political and ideological turning point of enormous importance.

Up to that moment, Soviet leaders had clung to the notion that the forces of world history were moving inexorably in favor of communism. They felt that once a country had joined the Communist camp, there was no turning back.

Now, suddenly, the Politburo was conceding that defections from the Soviet bloc were possible. Revolutions could, after all, be reversed.

The decision to get out of Afghanistan — even at the cost of abandoning the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul — was the first step along a road that was to lead to the loss of Nicaragua, Ethiopia and Eastern Europe, and ultimately, to the collapse of the Soviet Union itself.

"The decision to leave Afghanistan was the first and most difficult step," acknowledged the former Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who headed the special Politburo commission on Afghanistan that was set up in November 1986. "Everything else flowed from that," he said in an interview this year.

Thanks to the declassification of the top-secret archives, it is now possible to show how Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Shevardnadze and Mr. Gromyko persuaded other Politburo members to abandon the Afghan quagmire. Politburo minutes marked "Top Secret" show that the Soviet leadership agreed in November 1986 on a two-year deadline for withdrawing from Afghanistan.

Ultimately, the deadline was missed by three months. The last Soviet combat soldier crossed the border on Feb. 15, 1989.

The documents suggest that the supply of high-tech American weaponry to the mujahidin played a key role in the Soviet withdrawal. At the time, some U.S. officials feared that the Reagan administration's decision to step up support for the mujahidin in 1985 might provoke the Soviets into aggressive retaliation, such as cross-border raids into Pakistan.

In fact, there is evidence it helped convince the Kremlin that the war was unwinnable.

When the Politburo first committed 50,000 troops to Afghanistan in December 1979, the mood among Soviet leaders was relentlessly optimistic. Doubts about the extent of popular support for the "progressive" regime in Kabul and the unfavorable nature of the terrain were brushed aside. In a secret message to senior party officials justifying the invasion, the Politburo acknowledged that there were "waverers" and "doubters" but insisted they would be proved wrong.

In October 1980, just as Soviet military units were getting bogged down in their guerrilla war with the mujahidin, the head of Soviet foreign intelligence decided to visit Kabul to assess the situation for himself. Local KGB officials were skeptical about the chances of a quick victory, but Vladimir A. Kryuchkov preferred to listen to the upbeat assessments of Afghan politicians and senior Soviet diplomats.

The abortive Communist coup of August 1991 paved the way for a cutoff in Soviet military supplies to Kabul beginning Jan. 1, 1992. By mid-April, the Najibullah regime had been driven from power by the mujahidin. The sacrifices of a generation of young Soviet conscripts, who never understood why they were being sent to Afghanistan in the first place, had been in vain.

"The spring and summer of 1981 will be decisive for the final and complete defeat of the forces of the counter-revolution," predicted Mr. Kryuchkov in a cable to Moscow, according to a recent account in the Moscow weekly New Times by the former deputy KGB resident in Kabul, Alexander Morozov. Mr. Kryuchkov's cable set the tone for all official reporting.

By the time Yuri V. Andropov succeeded Leonid I. Brezhnev as Soviet leader in late 1982, it was clear to everybody that there would be no quick victory over the mujahidin. But Mr. Andropov, a former KGB chief accustomed to fighting long campaigns against communist revolutionaries, had no intention of conceding defeat, Politburo minutes show.

"What do you expect?" Mr. Andropov exploded, after Mr. Gromyko talked about the need for a "political agreement" with Pakistan to curb the flow of arms across the border. "The main question here is not the position of Pakistan. Our main opponent here is American imperialism, which understands full well that it has lost its position in this particular corner of the international arena. That is why we cannot make any concessions."

At one point, Marshal Sergei F. Akhromeyev effectively acknowledged that the Western strategy of support for the mujahidin had paid off. "We have deployed 50,000 Soviet soldiers to seal the border, but they are unable to close all channels through which arms are being smuggled," he told the Politburo.

According to Western calculations, the Kremlin spent about \$5 billion a year waging war in Afghanistan. By Moscow's own admission, more than 15,000 Soviet troops were killed during the 10-year war.

It is difficult to calculate how much the Soviet Union spent on Afghanistan before or after 1989, as the cost was divided among many different budgets. But it is clear that it represented a significant drain on the Kremlin's finances at a time when the Soviet Union was facing general economic collapse.

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# Lithuanians Pick Former Communists To Govern

By Steven Erlanger  
New York Times Service

MOSCOW — Lithuanians angry at economic difficulties and cold apartments completed their repudiation of the Sajudis movement that brought them independence, giving a party of moderate former Communists a working majority in a new parliament.

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Senator Kerry, left, discussing MIAs on Monday with Hanoi's deputy foreign minister, Le Mai.

# Senator Sees Easing of Hanoi Ban

By Philip Shenon  
New York Times Service

HANOI — Members of a Senate panel investigating the fate of Americans missing from the Vietnam War hailed on Monday what they said was a new spirit of cooperation from Vietnam and suggested strongly that President George Bush might soon relax an economic embargo against Hanoi.

The comments followed a meeting here with a senior Vietnamese official who pledged Hanoi would provide "the clearest possible answers" about the fate of 2,265 missing Americans.

"We are at a critical juncture," said John F. Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat who heads the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs.

"It's my sense that the president may be in a position, if we get adequate cooperation and if we can speed this process up, to make positive moves with respect to the embargo," he said.

Senator Kerry said he was carrying a letter from Mr. Bush to President Le Duc Anh. The senator said he believed it was the first direct communication from a U.S. president to his Vietnamese counterpart since the fall of South Vietnam in 1975.

Congressional officials said they understood the letter made clear that Mr. Bush was willing to move quickly to improve relations in exchange for additional cooperation from Hanoi on MIAs.

# Telescope Spots Supernova At a Record Distance Away

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Using a telescope outfitted with an especially sensitive electronic camera, astronomers have detected the flare of light from an exploding star almost halfway to the edge of the universe.

5 billion light-years away, the most distant such supernova ever observed from Earth.

The dim light from this supernova and from others like it that could be discovered in coming months is expected to help scientists settle one of the most vexing questions in cosmology: whether the universe is infinite and will continue to expand forever, or whether it is finite and will eventually slow down and collapse in what is sometimes called the "big crunch."

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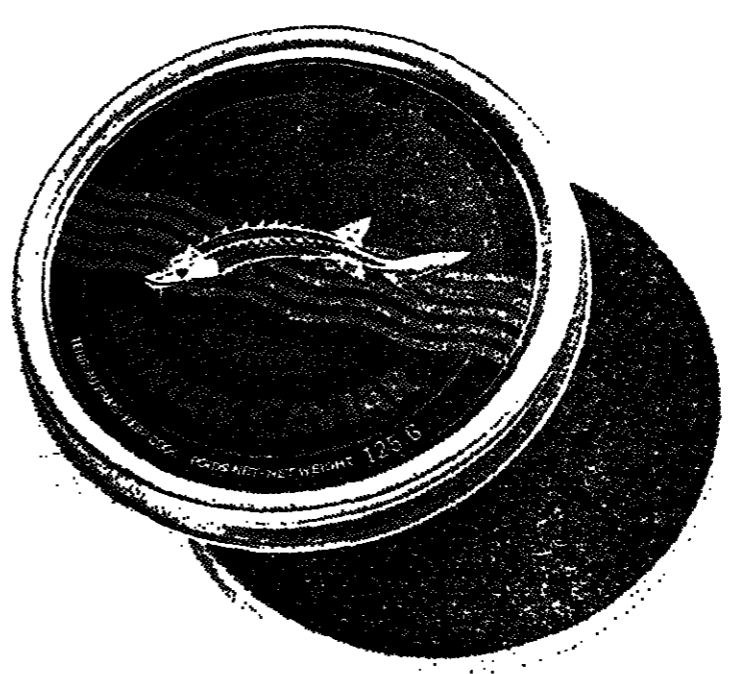
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Eastern Europe Simmers

A dispute over a dam that Slovakia has built on the Danube threatens to open a seam of disorder in Central Europe scarcely less disruptive than what has already overtaken the Balkans...

prevention procedures yet been applied to Hungary and Slovakia. The Council of Europe, Western Europe's political club, has made a tentative run at a mediator's role...

Transition Priorities

Bill Clinton has less than 1,000 working hours left in which to put together his administration. Judging by his first post-election news conference, he has his priorities well ordered, working first on goals and organization and only then deciding who is right for each job.

Once an agency's role has been set, it helps to fill top posts promptly; everyone has a lot to learn by Jan. 20. But it is more important that the president-elect first line up his personal staff, so that contenders don't waste precious transition time...

Arms Sellers Beware

Iran, once the dominant military power in the Gulf, now races to reclaim prominence. No longer distracted by internal turmoil, it is using its wealth to buy weapons systems from the East and sophisticated technologies from the West that can be used to build nuclear bombs, ballistic missiles, advanced aviation and germ warfare weapons.

hundreds of millions of dollars worth of dual-use items last year. That figure will be cut back sharply by the new U.S. restrictions. But these will not limit sales from U.S. allies, or direct weapons transfers from China or former Soviet republics...

Every Individual Counts

The latest information that the fading of the Cold War has flushed out the Kremlin sheds somber light on the fate of the tens of thousands of American soldiers who ended up as Soviet prisoners after World War II...

or Vietnam were salted away in the Soviet Union. President Yeltsin and his aide, Dmitri Volkogonov, have shown themselves to be sensitive and open to American concerns. But, down in the bureaucratic ranks, are unreconstructed members of the old Communist intelligence and military apparatus...

The Washington Billharmonic



For a Healthy Contraction of Japan's Trade Surplus

TOKYO — As Japan's trade surplus continues to climb — probably to \$135 billion this year, more than twice the 1990 figure of \$63 billion — other countries find it hard to understand why Japan is unable to stimulate its economy...

reducing interest rates. It has been even slower to recognize that underlying economic difficulties stem from overinvestment and asset deflation. These problems are likely to require much more determined fiscal stimulus than is now envisaged.

resulted from a reversal of the terms of trade, that could simply add to deflationary pressures in Japan. The present situation offers advantages for manufacturers in other countries. The collapse of profits in the domestic market is causing many Japanese companies to reassess export pricing and foreign investment.

ly faster than those of their rivals. In the short run, this may have little impact on Japan's trade surplus. The surplus may temporarily increase. But the rise in Japanese prices will ease pressure on U.S. and European manufacturers, while helping newcomers like South Korea to improve their global market shares.

Left Over From Nasty Cold War Business in Africa

BOSTON — The Soviet Union and the United States waged the Cold War in large part through surrogates in the Third World, supporting local leaders who would offer their loyalty to one side or the other. Many of them used the aid to build their own tyrannical power...

ned huge amounts of arms to Jonas Savimbi, the Angolan guerrilla leader. Mr. Savimbi was another creature of the Cold War. Because the Soviet Union backed the Angolan side that took power at independence in 1975, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, Henry Kissinger wanted to join South Africa in supporting the Savimbi movement...

49.7 percent. The rules required a second election if no one had a majority, and Mr. dos Santos said he was ready for a runoff. Mr. Savimbi sent his troops into action all over the country. Mr. Savimbi is a bad loser and a dangerous one, the Financial Times of London wrote. He is dangerous because he has stockpiled plenty of arms and there is no evident way to put the country back together unless he slides by the political rules...

OPINION

Domestic Is Foreign As Well

By Leslie H. Gelb

NEW YORK — "By bringing to Washington a government determined to govern," Arthur Schlesinger Jr. wrote of Franklin Roosevelt, FDR "unlocked new energies in a people who had lost faith, not just in government's ability to meet the economic crisis, but almost in the ability of anyone to do anything."

They gave this young question mark of a governor from a poor and unremarkable state a mandate to do "something," although nothing in particular, to fix the economy and provide broader health care coverage and better education.

But candidate Clinton neither sought nor received a mandate for national security policy. There is no problem. Unaddressed, it could lead to creeping isolationism and, worse, backfire on his commitment to domestic priorities.

Mr. Clinton did speak his piece about foreign affairs. He presented himself, reassuringly, as an internationalist who would guard old and new U.S. interests. But the Clinton thrust was decidedly and correctly inward. Politically, it had to be. With the Cold War over, Americans chafed under the heavy burdens of world leadership. They felt that President George Bush had paid too much attention to foreign problems. Mr. Clinton repeatedly picked at that sore. Ross Perot went further, often sounding isolationist. Even Mr. Bush felt virtually mute on foreign policy for fear of reminding voters of his once proud standing as a candidate who had pledged to reverse Cold War practice and focus on America.

Even foreign leaders have come to sympathize with the move. They have begun to admire Mr. Clinton's domestic activism. It could help regenerate America and pump up the market for their exports. At the same time, they wonder and worry what new priorities will mean for U.S. presence and leadership abroad. And not without reason.

Putting America first makes sense — up to a point. Beyond that point, Mr. Clinton could fall into the traps of unintended isolationism and policy passivity. First, his preoccupation with the United States could go too far and take on its own wind in American politics. The United States could float much further inward than intended. But those around Mr. Clinton say that he is alert to this danger and will undertake the political combat necessary to keep the United States involved abroad. Foreign leaders will see this soon and calm down.

Mr. Clinton is more likely to fall prey to the second and far more insidious trap of passivity. World crises will occur no matter what he does, but his chances of containing them will improve if he is constantly trying to head them off. It is not enough for America simply to be engaged overseas; it must be engaged actively and imaginatively, and with dollars. Otherwise, crises will explode and devour Mr. Clinton's time and political capital.

Without active American leadership, the Bosnian nightmare could escalate into a Balkan war. Iran and others surely will acquire nuclear arms unless the United States mounts some opposition. Arabs and Israelis will inevitably drift back toward war without constant American mediation. China and Japan could start down the road to confrontation without a major U.S. presence in Asia. The ex-Soviet Union will have no chance to escape new dictatorship and militarism unless Washington actively reassures reformers and organizes world assistance. Any of the above could become a domestic political bombshell.

Often during the campaign, Mr. Clinton wisely argued that domestic policy is foreign policy is domestic policy. In a few short weeks he has come to terms with the paradox of his own wisdom: If he wants to devote the maximum time and resources to his domestic agenda — as he should — he will have to engage in active and creative diplomacy.

Think Again: Plutonium Is a Rogue White Elephant

WASHINGTON — First, some round numbers. One gram of plutonium is about half the size of a pencil eraser. One ten-thousandths of that, inhaled, is a human cancer dose. Eight thousand grams — eight kilograms, a good-sized orange — makes a good-sized nuclear weapon. One thousand kilograms, one ton, is the amount now making its slow way by ship from France to Japan.

material is produced by the ton that can be used by the pound in atomic bombs. The promise of the breeder, a reactor that would produce both energy and fresh fuel in an endless stream, once held a lure as strong as the fountain of youth or a perpetual motion machine. It has proved just as chimerical. Engineers knew it would be technically demanding, expensive and an enormous security risk. But

the reprocessing plants in France and Britain. Germany is about to "reintercept" its law that has required reprocessing and prohibited direct disposal of spent fuel. Britain, sending that reprocessing may not produce export revenue much longer, is hesitating before starting up (and thereby contaminating) its new reprocessing plant. Only Japan is keeping this industry alive.

separated plutonium far outweigh its benefits. Vigorous quiet diplomacy on Washington's part should encourage a broad debate in Japan. If Japan is truly worried about an ensured supply of fuel, for example, it could buy a 40-year supply of uranium (some of it from Russian weapons) at a fraction of the cost of the breeder program.

Japan's plutonium is intended solely for peaceful use, but it makes every country in the region nervous.

a plutonium stockpile of 100 tons by 2010. Two hundred and fifty tons is the amount contained in the weapons of the five nuclear powers. Plutonium is dangerous, both chemically and explosively, in minuscule small amounts. If involved in an accident or stolen by terrorists, the cargo of the Akatsuki Maru is more than enough to cause security and environmental havoc, which explains the fuss being made over the shipment.

many believed that there was no alternative because the world would soon face a critical shortage of uranium. For politicians, the plutonium breeder cycle was a way to turn an unpopular waste into a valuable product. Even those who knew that this was a false promise (because reprocessing itself produces radioactive waste) saw reprocessing as a way to postpone waste disposal for 20 years, making it someone else's problem.

Even though Japan's plutonium is intended solely for peaceful use, its presence makes every country in the region nervous to varying degrees. The stockpile could well derail efforts to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. Already North Korea has accused Japan of planning a weapons program, and South Korea has begun pushing for its plutonium. In decades to come, Japan's program could make it much harder to convince China's leaders to follow Western nuclear disarmament.

The post-Cold War realization of how terribly hard plutonium is to get rid of, and the first ever opportunity to contemplate a nuclear weapons-free (or nearly so) world, could then provide a face-saving rationale for abandoning a program that made little sense in the 1970s and makes none at all now.

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OPINION

Clinton Needs to Shake Up This \$30 Billion Company

By William Safire

LOS ANGELES — Where will the new American president turn for vital information to help him make life-or-death decisions on foreign affairs?

To the CIA, of course. His national security adviser will tell him not to curtail that vast establishment. His new economic security adviser will suggest expanding its reach into the world of economic intelligence.

If President Bill Clinton should trouble to ask what all this costs, he will be told a fact kept secret from the American public: about \$20 billion a year goes to military intelligence — from satellites still reading Kremlin license plates to Big Ears listening to millions of voice and data transmissions — and an additional \$10 billion per year to the CIA for human spying, covert operations, and analysis that winds up in the president's daily intelligence brief.

He may ask: Why can't the American taxpayer be told, at least in the aggregate, how much is spent on the intelligence gathering and evaluation?

Reaction: Horror. He would be told that sources and methods would be blown, allied services betrayed by publication of the overall American intelligence budget. Worst of all, the cozy symbiosis between the intelligence community and its congressional overseers would be shattered if nosy outsiders knew the real rate of growth of American spying spending.

If the new president has any moxie, he will cut through this stultifying secrecy and demand to know: Are we getting enough data for the dollar? How does the efficiency of our operation compare with that of other major nations? Is the information so expensively gathered lost in the bureaucracy or is it made available to the decision-maker at the moment of decision?

A recent episode is illuminating. If CIA spokesmen are to be believed, the agency "misfiled" some pertinent intelligence about the participation of Italian officials in the decision to help finance President Saddam Hussein's arms buildup. This supposedly led the glib U.S. Justice Department to absolve Rome officials of wrongdoing and cost American taxpayers billions in loan guarantees.

Misfiled? Lost some memos? That

suggests CIA clerks sticking handwritten slips into red-taped folders and putting them in oak file cabinets, with the system of retrieval in one Uriah Heep's head.

In fact, even the agency's new family jewels are on computers. Any hacker with software costing \$49 and all the relevant CIA access codes in hand could type in "Lavoro or BNL or Matsui or Dragoul or Atlanta and Iraq" command "Search," and turn up all the memos that were mysteriously "misfiled" for years — and more.

Either the CIA method of handling data is egregiously inefficient — unable to call up and present hard intelligence to help the president make a far-reaching decision directive — or the organization is corrupt, deliberately concealing the truth from lawmakers and law enforcement officials.

Faced with this reality, what's a new president to do? 1. Pick a CIA director who knows how accountability has been avoided but is not a compromised insider.

The Senate Intelligence committee chairman, David Boren, Democrat of Oklahoma, who bet the Company on Robert Gates, was betrayed and is sore; he is the sort who could introduce competitive "Team B" to improve the product while reducing waste. Scheduled to be next year's chairman is Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia; President Clinton should agree to notify congressional leaders of "findings" within 24 hours.

2. The Intelligence Oversight Board within the White House has always been a joke, but the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board — "Piffab" — was once useful in providing a quality control check by informed outsiders.

When President Ronald Reagan purged Martin Anderson and other critics at the request of Bill Casey, then director of central intelligence, Piffab lost its independence; Mr. Bush further reduced it to a panel of technocrats. The new president should replace and expand the board, let it have competent new staff and make it a source of citizen oversight of Langley's old pros.

3. Focus on new missions for the new CIA: protection of industrial privacy and preparation for decisions involving "the right to intervene" when genocide looms. We did not hear about intelligence in the campaign, but now it is time to get serious.

The New York Times.

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Of Plumbing and Power: A Stall-Counter's Guide

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — When good fortune first shone upon me and I was given this position, some acquaintances asked me if I rated a private lavatory.

These were people laboring in the vineyards of investment banking and corporate law, people unfamiliar with any section of an aircraft farther aft than the fourth row, people with ficus

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trees in their corner offices tended by those people who labor in the vineyards of corporate plant management.

They did not understand that in the newspaper business it is a deal if you get a private wastebasket.

So I had to reply that while I had snagged an office with windows, the reporter's equivalent of winning Lotto, I would not have a bathroom.

This is when it first occurred to me that in America plumbing is power.

Recently, the leaders of the Senate announced that women had broken through the infamous file wall — that is, that they would soon have a restroom of their own next to the men's lavatory just off the Senate floor.

The Senate majority leader, George Mitchell, insisted that he had ordered

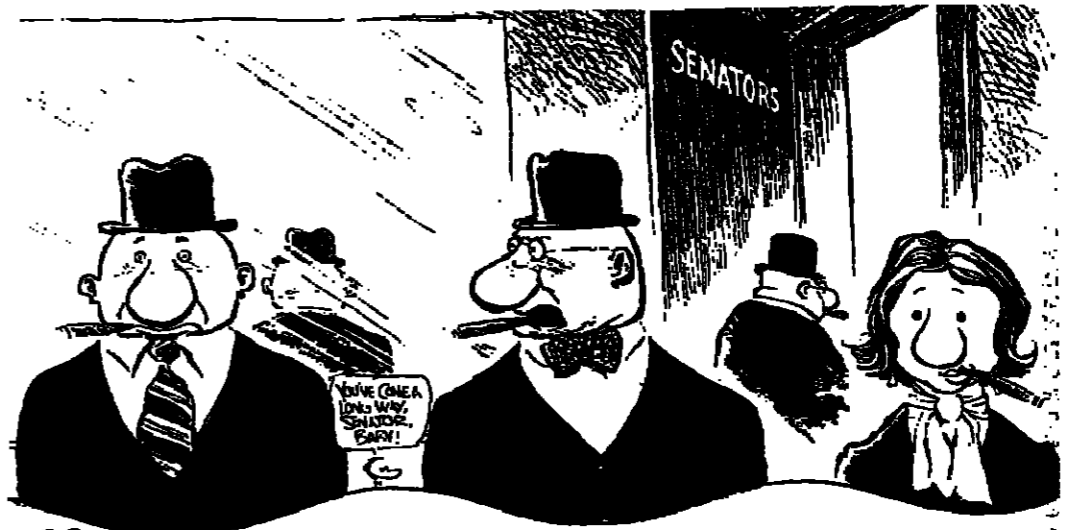
the construction "to meet the needs of all senators" even before Carol Mosely Braun, Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer and Patty Murray joined Barbara Mikulski and Nancy Landon Kassebaum in the Senate.

"It says words about the men's club that they were counting how many stalls they might need before they'd build," said Harriet Woods, president of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Heretofore Senators Mikulski and Kassebaum had to run downstairs to the first floor and use a public restroom. They did not use the restroom marked "Senators Only," which is kind of surprising since right-wing lore has always had it that women's rights exist largely to promote unisex bathrooms.

(The House of Representatives already has a convenient facility for women members. Three stalls, three sinks and a fireplace, as well as the couch on which John Quincy Adams died in 1848, when the place was still the speaker's office. A homey touch.)

I think the female members of the Senate have to look closely at whether this new bathroom is a good thing. (I think they also have to look closely at whoever hangs the mirrors in there, since if they are at Bob Dole height, Barbara Mikulski will wind up seeing nothing but her hairline.)



'Year of the Woman; all I hear is Year of the Woman. Enough, I say!'

It is a good thing that a private lavatory did not come with my columnist's job. In your private lavatory, you look into the mirror and say, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who deserves a Pulitzer and a raise?" And your personal mirror says, "You do, and a better syndication deal."

Whereas if you go into the common restroom, it is not uncommon to hear disembodied voices coming from the stalls, like this: "Was that the stupidest column she did yesterday or what?"

Private bathrooms as an executive perk are the greatest single reason for

the "Hubb?" response of many corporate big guys when they get the shaft.

So while I applaud the Senate women's room — and believe the six female senators might want to band together and demand the death couch from their sisters in the House — these women must remember the ubiquitous argument during this Year of the Woman: Will we govern differently? Will we be more in touch? Will we be kinder and gentler? And when someone says, "Senator Braun, can I take a picture of you with my Aunt Lida in front of the sink?" will we turn away?

On the one hand, plumbing and progress: We want no woman to miss an important vote because she was downstairs in line with the girls from a 4-H club in Idaho. ("Isn't that... Dianne Feinstein? She looks taller on TV.")

On the other hand, plumbing and populism: the disembodied voice from within the stall saying, "If she doesn't vote for that health care thing, I'm not voting for her next time around."

There are many ways to keep in touch with the public; not the least of them is while you have soap on your hands. The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to 'GATT Together'

Regarding "The GATT Crunch: What Helmut Now Has to Tell François" (Opinion, Oct. 29) by Brian Beedham:

Mr. Beedham's article provides an interesting exercise in intercultural perceptions. American and British newspapers are almost unanimous in pointing the finger at France, French farmers and the weak French government for the troubles in the GATT negotiations. If the process fails and world trade is hampered, say the finger-pointers, the lawless French will be responsible.

Such reports rarely mention the French position in this petty quarrel except in moralistic, sanctimonious terms. And anyone French disagreeing with this simplistic presentation will, of course, be suspected of being narrowly nationalistic and selfish.

There is no doubt that the rich nations are playing with fire, that subsidies make little economic sense — they are a disaster for the poor exporting countries — and that consumers would save a lot of money if they were reduced.

But the main point is that the United States, if not as guilty as Europe, is a protectionist country itself. President

George Bush increased agricultural subsidies in an attempt to buy re-election; and the United States has strict protectionist rules in areas such as cultural imports and, of course, automobiles.

So with Europe at last starting to get its GATT act together and reducing its subsidies, it is strange that France should carry the can for the failed trade talks. Washington is trying to settle this trade conflict through public relations and the use of force. Considering the utterly irresponsible way it has run its economy over the last decade, it is not in a morally strong position to be preaching now.

America and Europe should "GATT together" to think about ways to promote the development of the poorer nations without creating hordes of new poor among their own populations. They must go beyond oilseed haggling. And remember, there are motives in everybody's eyes — not just those of the French farmers.

PIERRE GUERLAIN, La Varenne, France.

Fate of the Farmers

Farmers are probably the hardest-working people to be found anywhere.

Naturally it is unfair that they have been running into trouble. But life has never been fair, especially to farmers. Despite their image as the moral and economic glue of their respective societies, farmers belong to a moribund profession.

Who is to say that farmers are any worse off than some of their urban counterparts, few of whom manage to come up with any rationale for artificial support? Big business and high technology are here to stay. Neither benefit concerns nor nostalgic dreaming can wish them out of existence. Western governments must stop shoring up their costly agricultural houses of cards.

DOUGLAS T. WALTERS, Toulouse, France.

Call It Skopje Abroad

Regarding the editorial "Kosovo: The Fuse Burns" (Opinion, Nov. 7):

Kosovo's fuse may indeed be burning toward an inevitable explosion, but the Macedonian question, as far as Greece is concerned at least, need not come to the same end. Greece's objection to the usurpation of a major part of its historical identity, whether it appears "foolish" or not to others, is heartfelt and valid.

A solution was proposed long ago by European Community negotiators; let Slav Macedonia accept what Germany, Hungary and even Greece have long accepted: international recognition of the nation by a name other than the word used in its own language (Deutschland, Magyar and Hellas, respectively.) Internally, the people of Skopje can call themselves and their nation "Macedonia" or whatever they wish.

Skopje's reason for not accepting this solution is disingenuous, and its adoption of a purely Greek symbol for its flag is a provocation and a fraudulent act that it wants the world to validate. If an explosion does come, Skopje will have supplied the matches to light the fuse.

PETER KIRK, Vienna.

Save Siberia's Wilderness

I was much impressed by Tom Brokaw's article, "Get Together and Defend the Taiga" (Meanwhile, Oct. 29), both for its vivid description of this last undestroyed forest now threatened with piecemeal destruction, and for its proposal to turn the Taiga into an international wilderness park.

Groups committed to the defense of the world's ecosystem should form a confederation with the declared aim of helping to establish such a park. Given a big enough international response, the sluggish bureaucracies of the world will hardly be able to resist providing the needed legal and political framework.

KURT OPEZZ, Hamburg.

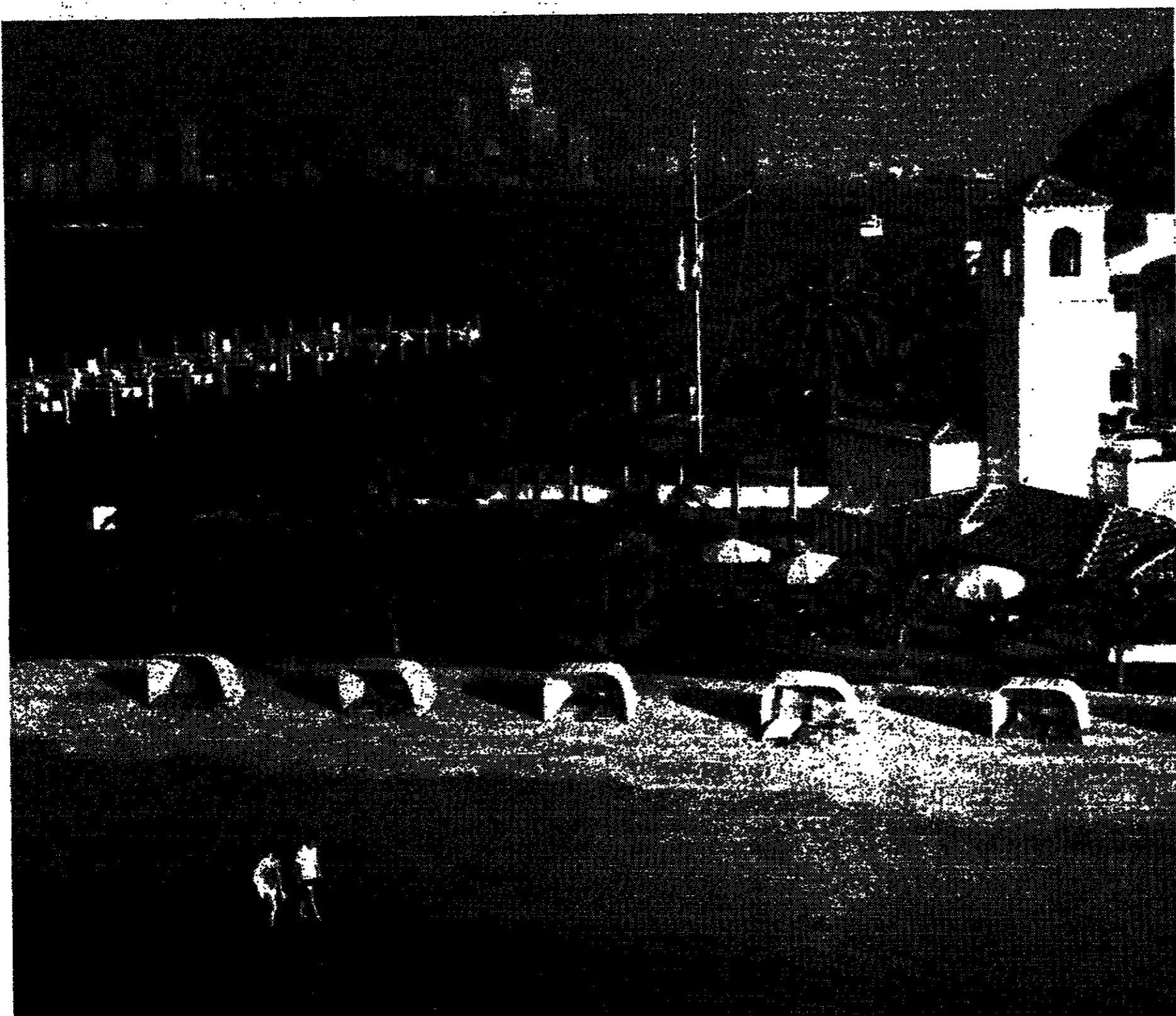
Tractors, Not Tanks

The world expects change from President-elect Bill Clinton. Africa, for its part, hopes the new America will abandon any military dealings with the various fighting factions. The Cold War, after all, is over.

The more the United States sells arms to Africans, the more the continent is reduced to dust and the more ignorance, disease and poverty are encouraged.

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The hotel a visitor chooses can make or break a trip. The right hotel should be peaceful enough so that a good night's sleep is possible after a hard day of do-

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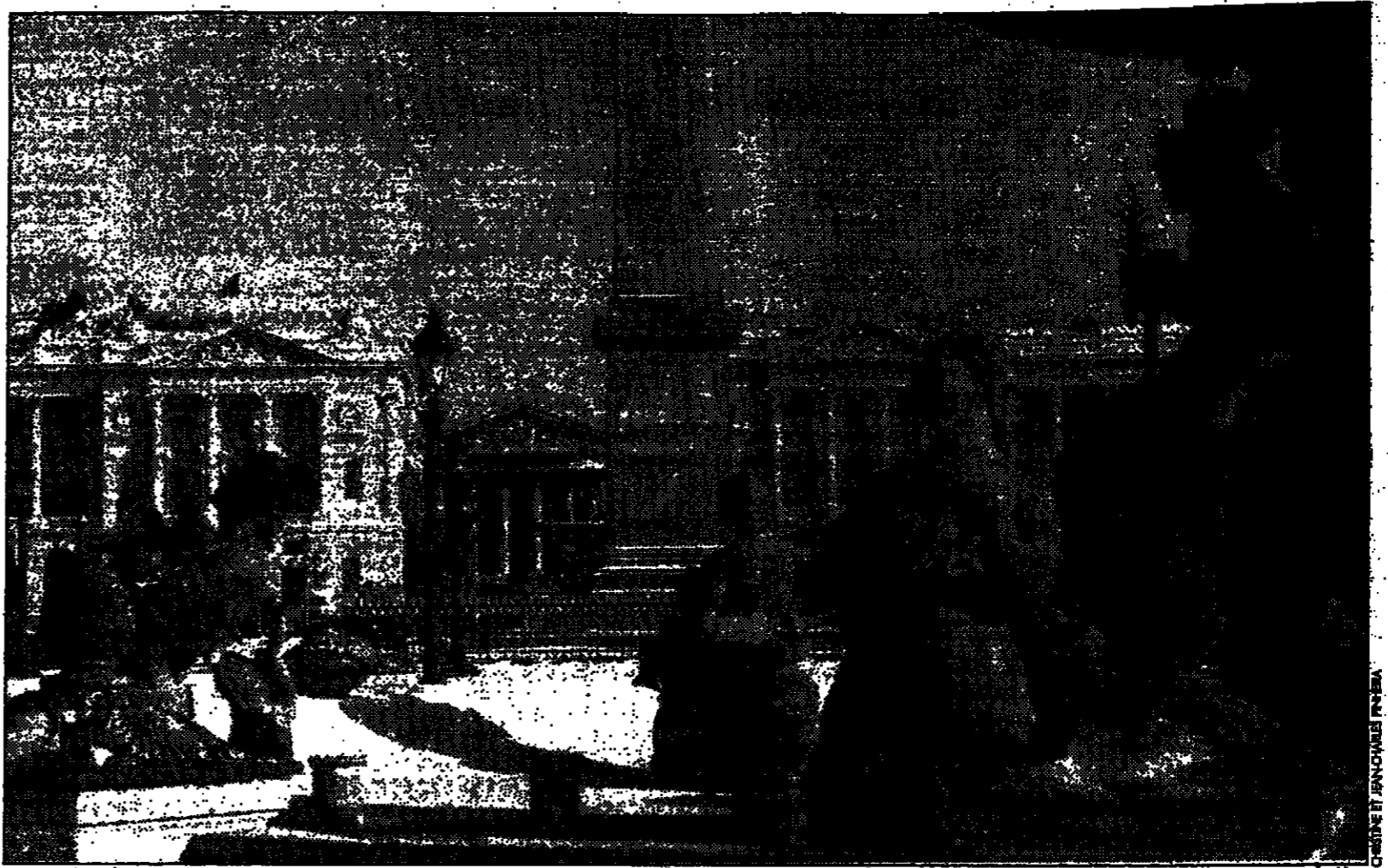
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As the hotels in the group are located all over the city, visitors can choose their location according to their business or sightseeing needs. Several of the hotels are centrally located near major sightseeing attractions at Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Tuileries and Bastille, two of them are near La Défense and one is near the trade-fair center at Porte de Versailles. They are either two- or three-star hotels, so there is something for every budget. All 12 hotels promise a warm welcome, personal attention and stylish comfort.

The Hôtels l'Horset group has four locations in Paris, but this is not a hotel chain with standardized decors: each one of these luxurious hotels retains its individual charm. The Hôtel l'Horset Astor Madeleine has 19th-century interiors and handsome wainscoting that conform to the group's slogan: "Charm and tradition in the heart of town."

The Opéra location, near Paris's major department stores, has its own understated elegance. The nearby Pavillon has authentic Belle Époque interiors complete with stained glass, frescoes and wood paneling. The Saint-Cloud is located in Paris's posh 16th arrondissement, home of the city's elite. Two smaller hotels, the Saint-Augustin and the Washington, have just opened in Paris. The group also owns hotels in Blois, home of François I's magnificent castle, and in Cannes.

If there is a similarity in the friendly welcome and charming interiors of three Paris inns — the Hôtel Madison, the Terrass Hotel and the Hôtel Bourgogne et Montana, it is because all three have the same owner. The major



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difference is in their varied locations.

The Madison is situated in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, set back from the boulevard. The warm interiors and relaxed

atmosphere make this a true haven in this beautiful, busy quarter. The Terrass sits on higher ground, in historic Montmartre. Stunning views of *tout Paris* can be had from the rooftop terrace. Buffets are served in the dining room decorated in the sunny colors of Provence, and conference facilities are available for up to 100 people.

The Bourgogne et Montana is in the posh seventh arrondissement near the Musée d'Orsay, Invalides and the Assemblée Na-

tionale. A handsome 18th-century mansion houses 35 individually decorated rooms and suites. Rooms on the upper floors have a view of the Place de la Concorde.

In Châtelet, the bustling heart of Paris, it is actually possible to stay in a hotel on a quiet, tree-lined street: the Hôtel Britannique. The friendly service, comfort and refinement British hotels are known for are all in evidence here, in the most Parisian of settings (near the Seine, the Louvre, Notre-Dame, the Centre Pompidou and the Forum des Halles) and with all the modern conveniences.

The calm elegance of the 19th-century decor at the Hôtel Brighton projects guests into another era. High ceilings, crystal chandeliers, marble columns, vast bedrooms, rich draperies and copper beds

all add to the illusion, but perhaps the most stunning aspect of the hotel is its enormous, luxurious bathrooms, one of which (no. 115) is entirely lined in mosaic tiles. Centrally located across from the Tuileries garden, the hotel has 70 rooms and, in conformity with its name, a charming tea room.

A restored 19th-century *hôtel particulier* is the home of the Hôtel Ferrand. Each room is decorated differently and some have four-poster beds, but none are lacking in the kind of luxury that makes you feel pampered and privileged. Art galleries, rare book and antique dealers abound in the neighborhood.

The artistically oriented will appreciate l'Hôtel Bersoly's Saint-Germain, centrally located near the Musée d'Orsay and the seventh arrondissement. Each of its 16 rooms is dedicated to an artist. Choose

among such artists as Marc Chagall, Henri Rousseau or Pablo Picasso. The room dedicated to the latter, with its interior mingling, comes highly recommended. This redecorated 17th-century house exudes taste, charm and serenity, and the "black-and-white" dogs add a friendly touch.

Although the Restoration-style Hôtel de Fléville, with its trompe l'oeil murals, promises "quiet luxury in the business center" of Paris, it is also located conveniently near designer clothing shops on the Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré and the city's best cinemas on the Champs Élysées. The 32 rooms are sumptuously decorated with floral wallpaper and hangings, and some have balconies with marvelous views of the city.

Guests at the Relais Carré d'Or will feel at home in one of the hotel's 23 suites and privileged to

be staying in the former mansion of one of France's great aristocratic families, the Polignacs. Located on the Avenue George V near some of the most prestigious boutiques in the city, the hotel is endowed with an indoor garden and a fine restaurant, the Club du Relais.

Kobbi's and lounges filled with 18th- and 19th-century antiques, marble bathrooms and a colorful courtyard garden are just a few elements of the seductive atmosphere of the Hôtel Queen Elizabeth. Located near the Arc de Triomphe and the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, the 66-room hotel is a haven of calm in this upscale neighborhood.

At the Hôtel Victor Hugo, located between the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, one can breakfast in the "winter garden" year-round. Marble bathrooms add that extra touch of luxury to this tranquil hotel.

The charming Hôtel Albert Ier, conveniently located between two central train stations, the Gare du Nord and the Gare de l'Est, is within walking distance of Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur.

Art Deco elegance characterizes the Raspail Hotel, built in the 1920s and once frequented by young American artists who turned the back room into a rowdy poker salon. The 38 rooms and two suites in this tastefully restored hotel are soundproofed and air-conditioned. Nip out for oysters at the Bar à Huîtres next door or for a cocktail along the street at Le Dôme, once a hangout of Modigliani, Stravinsky, Picasso and the ubiquitous Hemingway. Owner Pierre Branche says he "knows and loves each guest like a member of the family."

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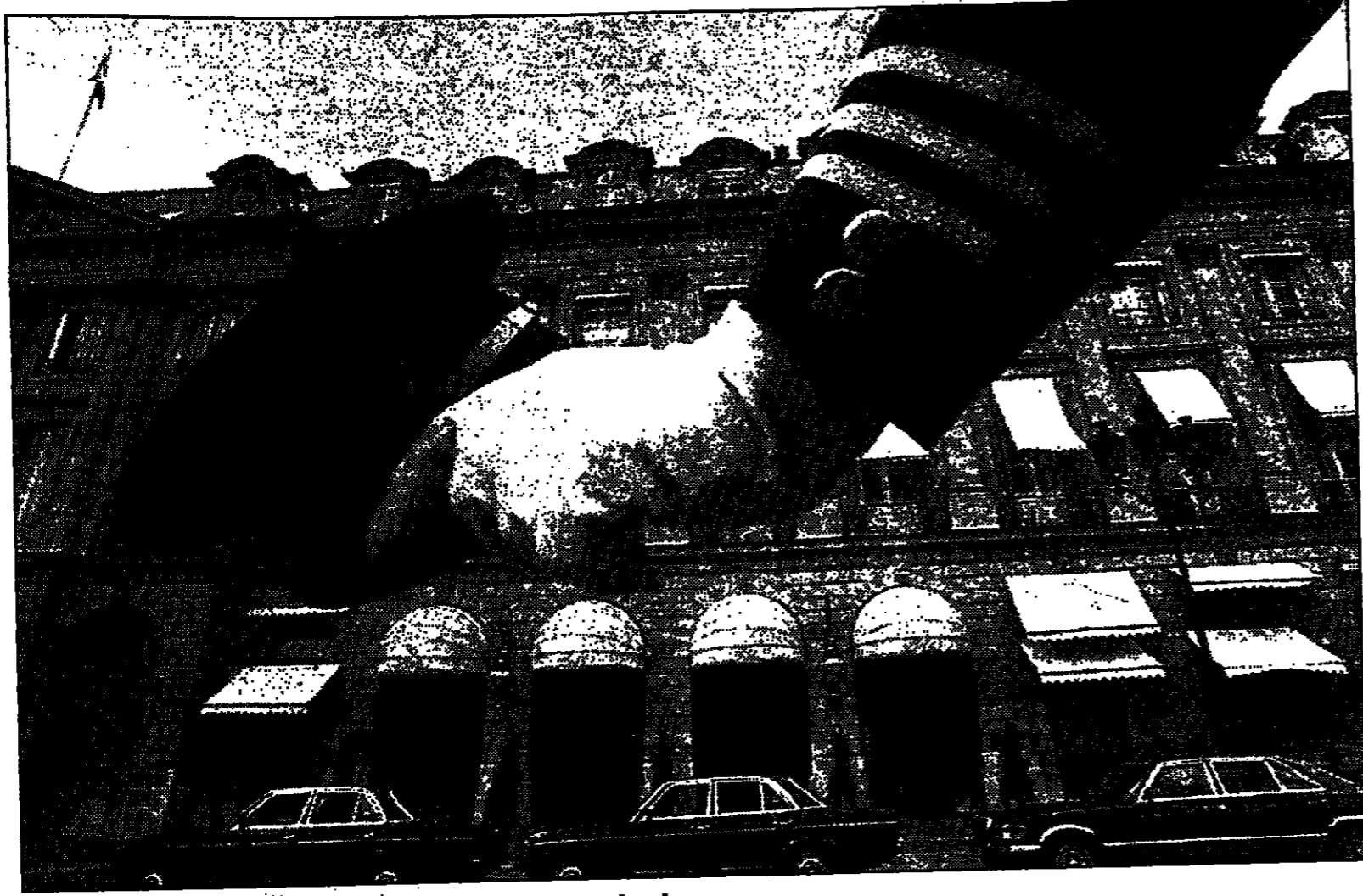
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France tips its hat to travelers with special classes in French culture.

## Spicing Up a Holiday With Tempting Courses

Learning a skill during a vacation not only adds depth to a trip but may also afford travelers an entrée into worlds they would never see as ordinary tourists. Many classes in cuisine, language and culture are available for active visitors who want to enrich their visit to France.

The prestigious Hôtel Ritz recently opened its own gourmet French cooking school, the Ecole de Gastronomie Française Ritz-Escoffier, named after the renowned chef who reigned over its kitchens a hundred years ago. This

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year the school is offering three special holiday courses, taught in French and English, from Dec. 14 to 18.

In the Christmas Course, students will learn how to cook traditional French Christmas and New Year's meals (very different from the Anglo-Saxon traditions), which will be served with wines from the Ritz cellars. The cooking classes, including pastymaking, will be supplemented with two wine tastings, a cheese and bread tasting, a flower-arranging class and a festive Belle-Epoque dinner.

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Finally, the Ritz will offer All About Wine: Treasures from the Ritz Cellars. Limited to eight students, this unusual course includes four tasting meals in the hotel's Espadon restaurant, with

wines selected from the Ritz's 110,000-bottle wine cellars, and a day trip to Champagne.

The venerable Cordon Bleu cooking school is also offering special holiday courses in French and English, beginning with a class on Dec. 12 that will teach you everything you always wanted to know about foie gras: its different qualities, how to prepare and conserve it, what wines go best with it and how to make a terrine. A foie gras lunch presided over by Cordon Bleu chefs is included.

If foie gras is not your thing, but chocolate is, a course on the same day concentrates on the making of fancy chocolates, including such delicacies as whiskey truffles.

In another one-day class, a chef will guide students around the marvelous open-air markets of Paris, advising on the best seasonal buys, followed by lunch at the Cordon Bleu and an afternoon spent preparing a meal with the morning's purchases.

The two-day Epicurean Adventure spends one day discovering the 365 cheeses of France and the second tasting the regional wines that go best with them.

For those who prefer to improve their language skills rather than their

cooking skills while on vacation, there are plenty of options.

The Université d'Aix-Marseille III, located in the beautiful Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence, offers three intensive four-week courses in French in June, July and September. Small groups spend 20 hours a week in class. In the afternoon, two-hour workshops cover special topics such as comic books (a veritable art form in France), French literature and poetry or commercial French. Saturdays are devoted to outings in Provence. The university helps students find appropriate accommodations.

In a gorgeous seaside setting on the French Riviera, the Institut de Français in Villefranche, near Nice, offers an intensive two- to four-week all-day immersion program with two excellent on-site meals. The program stresses diversified teaching approaches with audiovisual methods in small groups in a French-only speaking environment. All this takes place in a handsome hillside villa overlooking the port town and the sea, and the Institut can arrange for housing in its own apartments in town or in a hotel.

Personalized attention to students is the specialty of Version Française, located in Nice. There are never more than five students in the month-long classes, the school is owned and operated by the teachers themselves, and the teaching materials are highly varied and adapted to the individual needs of the students.

At La Cardère, students learn French in a familial atmosphere, learning and living in the Bresse countryside. Intensive, individualized courses last one week or longer, and French-speaking guests add to the variety of the conversation. Three excursions are included in the course, and there is a heated swimming pool and a pond on the premises as well as extensive sporting facilities.

If you prefer to absorb French language and culture in Paris, the Sorbonne has come up with a special January course tailored to professors and visitors

with an advanced level of French.

January is an excellent time to be in Paris: there are fewer tourists and more hotel rooms available, and the French themselves are actually in town. The program includes courses, conferences and museum visits.

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## Skiing the Alps in Luxury With Olympic Facilities

France's ski season is now under way, and resorts in the French Alps are expecting to benefit from last February's Winter Olympics, seen on television by millions.

The staging of the Olympic Games was hailed as something of an organizational triumph, with spectacular opening and closing ceremonies that displayed France's alpine attractions to full advantage. Major improvements were made in the highway access to the entire region in preparation for the Games.

But what really counts, of course, is the snow. The leading resort of Val Thorens, high up in France's so-called Three Valleys region, reports that snowfalls this season are already the deepest in some 20 years. Val Thorens is part of the most extensive ski area in the world — 400 miles (640 kilometers) of well-groomed slopes with more than 200 lifts.

At 2,300 meters (7,550 feet), Val Thorens, with 31 lifts, is the highest ski resort in Europe, with a long season that stretches from October 24 to May 9. The resort was designed to give skiers direct access to the slopes, and now all cars must be parked at the base of the resort, leaving it traffic-free. Val Thorens' additional attractions include a new car ice rink with "guaranteed" strong ice on which cars drive and skid around for sport; vehicles are available at 1,600 francs (\$300) a day. Val Thorens' ski network includes the Cimes

de Caron cable car, with a capacity of 150 people, and the Funitel, with cable cars carrying 30 passengers each. Four-person detachable chairlifts have also been added to the facilities.

In the evening, Val Thorens offers a wealth of après-ski activities, including restaurants, bars and discotheques. For the more sports-minded, the resort has six covered tennis courts, a golf simulator, a weight room, swimming pool, saunas, jacuzzis and even artificial wall-climbing facilities.

In common with other resorts in the Three Valleys, Val Thorens has blended its striking modern architecture with traditional Savoyard construction. Wood-based quality is the watchword for all the resort's hotels.

Elsewhere in the Three Valleys, the Hotel Annapurna in Courchevel offers luxurious accommodations and amenities that include a pool, jacuzzi, solarium, fitness center and various restaurants. The hotel has been attracting an international clientele for the past 20 years. Courchevel has long attracted well-known names from the world of cinema and show business in France, and has been the location for numerous films.

Avoriaz is another ski

resort with a link to the movie world. Its annual January film festival, the Festival du Film Fantastique, features science fiction, horror and "fantasy" films. The creation of a film festival in a ski resort was a gamble by the local authorities and real-estate developers, but it has paid off. Lenny Borger, a Paris-based cinema critic who has reported on the festival, says that an Avoriaz prize is now considered a desirable "label" for a film. The event is an opportunity for French and international directors, stars and producers to mix business with pleasure.

Avoriaz's hotels offer both traditional cuisine and modern comfort. The luxurious Hôtel Les Hauts Forts, for example, is right on the slopes and has a gourmet restaurant; next door is the very popular Hôtel des Dromonts.

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# Style

## De la Renta Joins Balmain It's Official, a First for a Couture House

By Suzy Menkes  
International Herald Tribune

**P**ARIS — Its official! Oscar de la Renta was named Monday the couturier for Balmain — making him the first American designer to take over at a Paris fashion house.

"I am very excited, they are wonderful people and I think it is great in old age to have new challenges," said de la Renta, who has just turned 60. He was in Paris for 24 hours after finally agreeing to the deal proposed by Balmain's owner Erich Fayer. On Oct. 10, de la Renta told the International Herald Tribune that he had been offered the Balmain role but was making a "personal decision" that involved his wife Annette, their adopted son and his commitment to his native Santo Domingo.

He has now signed a contract to design four collections a year for an undisclosed salary and length of service. He will start with haute couture, which he says will be presented "with the help of God who has always protected me" on Jan. 27. This will be followed by a ready-to-wear collection during the Paris season, now advanced to late February.

At that time, de la Renta will also put on the runway his own-label collection, which he shows later in New York. He has been presenting his line in Paris since March 1991, when he became the first established New York designer to show in the official French venue in the courtyard of the Louvre.

"I will be showing two collections, but that is only half what Karl does," said de la Renta, referring to Karl Lagerfeld, whose various lines designed on a free-lance basis have made him a high fashion role model.



Oscar de la Renta: "Very excited."

**J**ACQUES Mouchier, president of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture Parisienne, high fashion's ruling body, has pursued an open-door policy for any foreign designer wishing to show in Paris. Mouchier gave a qualified welcome Monday to Balmain's announcement.

"My personal sentiments are that Balmain wished to go after an internationally-known name, and Oscar de la Renta has the opportunity to work in a Paris couture house," he said. "I can see the reciprocal advantage but I am desolate for Hervé Pierre, a young designer who chose to work in couture. I should like to try to find him another situation, but it is not easy." Pierre, 27, who had been with Balmain for four years and had become its chief designer, left the house Friday.

Balmain, founded in 1945 by the eponymous Pierre Balmain, was one of the leading lights in Paris couture during the 1950s but gradually lost its luster, especially after the designer's death in 1982. Balmain's role was taken over by his protégé Erik Mortensen, who kept upscale clients happy but did not make design waves. During the fashion expansion of the 1980s, the house of Balmain was bought from the Canadian financier Erich Fayer by Alain Chevalier, one of the architects of the success of the Louis Vuitton group, who was flung out on his ear during the boardroom battles with Bernard Arnault.

Chevalier failed to make a go of Balmain and its all-important fragrances and sold the house back at a whopping loss to Fayer in June 1991.

De la Renta has a high-profile international clientele. "I have a lot of loyal friends all rooting for me and I know they will do their very best to come — but I don't want to sound like a threat," he said.

The idea of breathing new life into an old name is now a decade old. It started when Lagerfeld showed his first collection for Chanel in January 1983. Although Gianfranco Ferré has since taken over at Dior (while keeping his own line in Milan) and Claude Montana has been in and out at Lanvin, Lagerfeld remains the only really successful exponent of this divide-and-rule fashion philosophy.

Lanvin has retreated from the previous policy of boosting the name with a bold designer presence and is concentrating on products. Its designer, Dominique Morlotti, is expected to present his first couture line in January.

Oscar de la Renta's strength is that he is of the old school. He began his career with Balenciaga in Madrid, then was Antonio Castillo's assistant at Lanvin in Paris before setting up on his own in New York in 1966. He will bring to Balmain an innate understanding of haute couture at its grandest. But his appointment dashes hopes that a new generation at fashion's cutting edge will take up the couture scissors.



Among designers represented in auction organized by Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing (above) are, clockwise from bottom left, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Dior, Saint Laurent, Thierry Mugler and Azzedine Alaïa.

## At Auction: Fashion Past and Present

**P**ARIS — They are the best-dressed ghosts — chalk-white mannequins peopling couture gowns. Here are two outstretched panels of pimento-red chiffon that floated across Princess Grace of Monaco. Those scarlet tiers once heaved on Sophia Loren's bosom. And who but the gamine Audrey Hepburn

could have slipped into the licorice black satin column on screen in "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?

Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing, wife of France's former president, is surveying the couture outfits donated by friends and by couture houses for an auction Thursday in aid of La Fondation pour l'Enfance, a children's charity of which she is president.

"To give a dress is not a neutral gesture — it is to give a part of yourself," she says, explaining how she spent a year cajoling and persuading people to turn out their closets.

"This dress from Nancy Reagan arrived by Federal Express in a brown envelope — not even wrapped in tissue paper," she says, pointing to a 1980 Galanos gown in vermilion crepe, sliced off at one shoulder with quilted vine leaves at the back.

For some dresses, Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing feels a tug of emotion: not least for her own donation of a closet of dresses — mostly by her favorite designer Jean Louis Scherrer. Then there is the "spectacular" sequined sheath fluttering with sugar pink ostrich feathers from the French singer Sylvie Vartan, who is godmother to the Giscard d'Estaing grandchildren.

Olivia de Havilland produced a swooping red and black taffeta Dior dress made in 1960, when Yves Saint Laurent was the designer. That will be considered a collector's item — as will a hooded black crepe 1990 dress from Claude Montana's brief time at Lanvin.

Thursday's sale, to be conducted by Drouot auctioneers at the Palais Galliera, where the outfits are on show, is likely to attract both private collectors and museums.

Those women who are hoping for a little number for the holiday season could bid for Marisa Berenson's Ungaro cocktail dress lashed with cyclamen and green ribbons, or an erotically beaded Zandra Rhodes dress given by Jean Simmons. Sizes (mostly American 8 or 10) are spelled out in the catalogue, which also has a scattering of photographs of the clothes being worn. Those frozen moments include Princess Ira von Fürstenberg cavoring the night away in a 1967 Paco Rabanne disc dress.

The sale is outstanding for the quality of the clothes and the certainty of their provenance.

"We are hoping that museums will buy — I know they are interested in the exceptional pieces — but the most important thing is to get money for the foundation," says

the stars also express their images in clothes. There is a deep cleavage crying out for a jewel on Elizabeth Taylor's black satin gown with leafy sleeves designed by Nolan Miller in 1986. You can see Lauren Bacall sunbathing towards you in the 1980 Sonia Rykiel outfit of black crepe evening pants with embossed caravans.

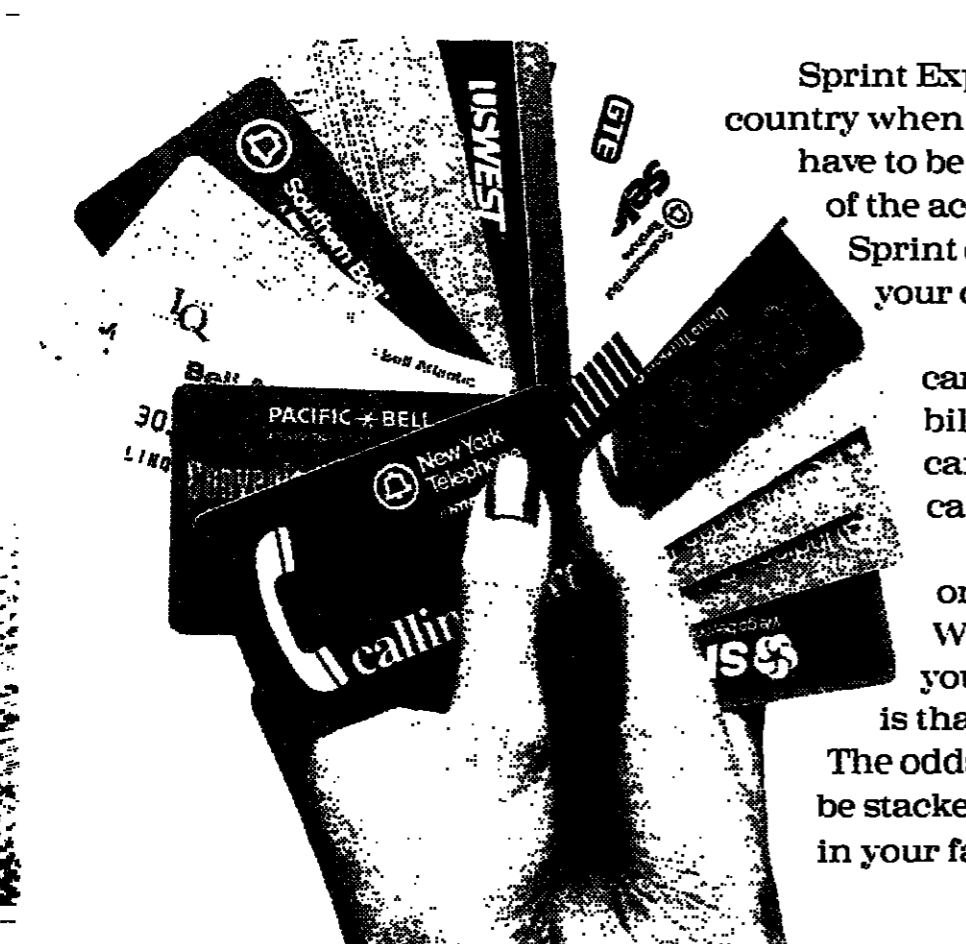
But there are also surprises. Did Bill Bliss really dress Nancy Kissinger black in 1980, in something so politically incorrect as a green make jacket with mint trim? Why did Princess Caroline of Monaco suddenly desert Marc Bohan's neat Dior dresses for a wildly patterned Russian tunic and knickers from Ungaro in 1982? Was it to endorse a united Europe that the Comtesse de Paris wore in 1990 a full-length mink coat designed by Frédéric Castet worked with symbols of Europe's cities from the Eiffel Tower to Big Ben?

All the great names of fashion are represented, especially Christian Dior — a house which seems to have participated in many outings for the Monegasque royal family. Valentino was also in there, making a champagne dress for Empress Farah in 1975 when the Giscard d'Estaing paid an official visit to Iran. Chanel is underrepresented, probably because those workhouse day suits just give out before they can be given away.

The finest tribute is to Madame Grès whose dresses have a dignity that is never out of fashion. São Schumberger has given her 1976 Grès — complete with Egyptian beaded necklace — a waft of chocolate brown over flame orange chiffon. Back in 1960 Grès's short ivory chiffon dress had a June Bille brodered bodice and a June Bille made a glacier blue dress, cut away at the back. It could be worn — like all her dresses — today and tomorrow, as much as yesterday.

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## Letters to Queen By Earl of Essex Up for Auction

**L**ONDON — A collection of letters written to Queen Elizabeth I by one of her favorites is expected to sell for up to \$450,000 (368,500) next month, the auctioneers Sotheby's said on Monday.

The 43 letters detail the extraordinary relationship between the Earl of Essex, Robert Devereux, and the 16th-century English monarch who ruled for 45 years before dying, unmarried, at the age of 70.

The collection, which has previously been in private hands, includes letters to the queen by Devereux's love-lorn predecessor, the Earl of Leicester to whom Elizabeth used to refer affectionately as "Sweet Robin."

Devereux was one of several favorites whose precise relationships with the queen are a subject of speculation.

Like many of Elizabeth's courtiers, Devereux fell out of favor in the closing stages of her reign and was executed in 1601 for plotting against the queen. The letters are being sold on Dec. 14.

"These letters are staggering," said Roy Davids of Sotheby's.

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Economy Stirs, But Not Enough to Let Clinton Relax

By Lawrence Malkin. NEW YORK — Hesitant signs that the worst is over for the American economy have begun to appear in the past week or so.

German Slump Rocks Daimler

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. STUTTGART — Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest industrial group, forecast Monday a sharp drop in profit and announced thousands of new job cuts.

Investment Tax Credit Called Tool for the Job

By Steven Greenhouse. WASHINGTON — The investment tax credit proposed by President-elect Bill Clinton is probably the single most powerful tool for giving the economy a jolt forward without dangerously expanding the budget deficit, economists say.

Northwest-KLM Accord Gets a U.S. Nod

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. WASHINGTON — The Transportation Department said Monday that it had tentatively cleared the way for Northwest Airlines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to integrate their services and operate as if they were a single carrier.

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

Economy to Put Squeeze On German Bank Profits

By Brandon Mitchell. FRANKFURT — As the German economy shifts into a lower gear in 1993, increasing domestic credit risks will slow the growth of German banks' profits, analysts say.

Oil Prices on the Skids, Experts Say

By Erik Ipsen. LONDON — With producers pumping more oil than world markets can absorb, prices are likely to continue dropping, industry analysts said Monday.

Yeltsin Drafts Anti-Crisis Plan for the Winter

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches. MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin and his cabinet on Monday drafted an anti-crisis plan to get Russia through the winter, but rejected opposition demands to freeze prices and slow reforms.

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MARKET DIARY

Airlines, Electricals Lead Market Down

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — U.S. stocks fell Monday largely because of concerns that fourth-quarter earnings in the airline and electrical equipment industries will be disappointing.

The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 27.29 to 3,205.74. Declining common stocks out-

numbered 1,037 issues, with 1,037 issues advancing and 1,037 issues unchanged. The Dow Jones transportation average fell 27.80 to 1,350.90, with UAL, Delta Air Lines and AMR accounting for most of the drop.

The slide in airline stocks was sparked by the First Boston analyst Paul Karas, who reduced his revenue expectations for the industry.

Shares of electrical equipment companies were hurt by AMP Inc.'s announcement late Friday that sales in Europe and Japan and the rising dollar would push fourth-quarter earnings "several cents below" third-quarter results.

AMP plunged 7 1/2 to 57, losing \$830 million of its market value.

The decline in AMP shares caused other electrical-equipment stocks to fall on earnings concerns.

Thomas & Betts Corp. declined 1 1/2 to 64 1/2. Raychem Corp. slumped 1 1/2 to 41 1/2. Augat Inc. fell 1/2 to 11 1/2, and Methode Electronics Inc.'s shares declined 1 1/2 to 18 1/2.

AMP, based in Harrisburg, Pa., makes thousands of different electrical connecting devices. It generates about 59 percent of its annual sales of \$3 billion from outside the United States.

Sales to car companies in Germany dried up overnight, said William Oakland, AMP's director of investor relations. "Sales to German auto companies were strong right through October," he said.

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The forecast has definitely focused attention back on the weakness in the German economy and the potential for interest-rate cuts there," said Peter Luxton, economist at Barclays Bank.

The pound came under pressure, with traders citing the unpopularity of the government and the state of the British economy. It ended at \$1.5223, after \$1.5495 on Friday, and at 2,414.8 DM, after 2,425.00.

Dealers said the dollar was likely to come under pressure before long since they expected a cut in U.S. interest rates to boost the economy.

But figures released Monday showed that U.S. industrial production showed its first rise in three months in October, suggesting that a rate cut might not be urgent.

The U.S. unit finished at 1,437.00 Swiss francs, after 1,415.00, and 5,368.00 French francs, after 5,302.50. The pound dropped to \$1.5230, from \$1.5505.

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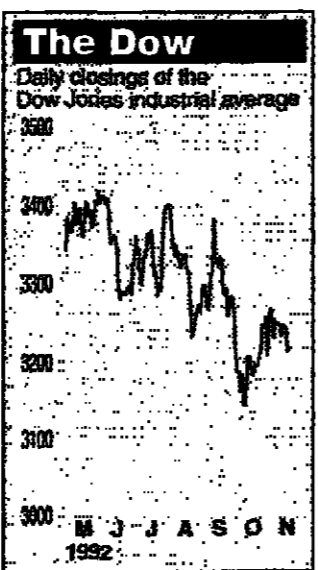
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Philip Morris to Buy Nabisco Assets

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Philip Morris Cos. said Monday it would buy the U.S. and Canadian ready-to-eat cereal businesses of RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. for \$450 million.

The purchase, by Philip Morris's subsidiary Kraft General Foods Inc., will also include certain international trademarks. Philip Morris said it would incorporate the Nabisco lines into its Post line of breakfast cereals.

The news lifted Philip Morris shares initially, though later they slipped 12 1/2 cents to \$79.375. RJR Nabisco's stock eased 12 1/2 cents to \$8.75.

The sale is subject to regulatory review. On Nov. 3, Nabisco and General Mills Inc. called off the sale of the brands to General Mills for \$450 million. The companies said then they feared a lengthy regulatory review would hurt both companies.

AT&T Sets Ties With 3 Japan Firms

LAS VEGAS (AP) — AT&T announced Monday with three Japanese electronics makers that should boost its position in the emerging market for "personal communicators," tiny devices that combine a mobile phone and a computer.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said it had reached agreements with NEC Corp., Toshiba Corp. and Matsushita Electric Industrial Corp., the maker of Panasonic products. The three will use a computer chip designed by the long-distance phone company in their own personal communicators, helping set a standard for this market.

Separately, AT&T announced Monday that it had acquired the Polish telephone-equipment maker Telfa SA for \$80 million, Reuters reported. The agreement represents one of the biggest foreign investments in Poland since it ended Communist rule in 1989.

Storehouse Plans Sale of U.S. Unit

LONDON (Bloomberg) — Storehouse PLC said Monday it planned to sell its Connaught Stores Inc. division in the United States, which operates 19 Connaught's Habitat stores on the East and West coasts, to a group of investors led by a former Bloomingdale's chief executive, Marvin Traub, for a "nominal price."

Storehouse will take a £25 million (\$36 million) one-time charge on the sale. Losses by the Habitat operations totaled £7.7 million on sales of £29 million for the year ended March 31, Storehouse said. Sources said the 19 U.S. stores, eight of which are in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, have been unprofitable since March.

The transaction with Mr. Traub's group, MTLG Acquisition Group, is scheduled to close by Dec. 4.

S&L Officers Get New Guidelines

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Savings and loan regulators released guidelines Monday governing the business responsibilities of savings and loan officers over the objections of enforcement officials who fear the new rules will make it harder to recover damages from negligent executives and directors.

The guidelines, released by the Office of Thrift Supervision, are meant to outline the fiduciary duties of savings and loan officials and were developed in response to industry concerns about the risk of being sued. Timothy Ryan, the departing director of the agency, called it "a roadmap that will help directors and officers make the decisions necessary in carrying out their responsibilities."

But officials of the agency, which is responsible for recovering damages from officials of failed savings and loans, Resolution Trust Corp., have said the guidelines would make it harder to win such suits because courts might interpret them to allow all activities that are not specifically prohibited.

For the Record

United Technologies Corp. said Monday that it was unlikely that 1992's earnings would meet its estimate of \$4 to \$5 a share. (Reuters)

Kmart Corp. reported that profit rose 11 percent to \$122 million in the third quarter, on an 11 percent sales gain to \$8.84 billion. (Reuters)

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RECOVERY: The Economy Stirs, but Not Enough to Let Clinton Relax

But Mr. Clinton has already promised an "aggressive" jobs program, generally expected to put about \$20 billion into the economy in construction jobs through public works, and another \$20 billion through tax write-offs for business investment in new equipment.

He has to deliver on this promise because "there will not be enough of an economic pickup by the time he gets into office," said Cynthia Latta of DRI / McGraw Hill.

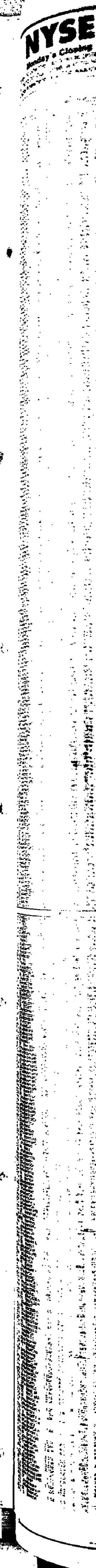
The essential difference between the Clintonites and almost all their predecessors since Keynesian economics became U.S. government policy is that they no longer accept the slogan that "a rising tide lifts all boats." This implied that politicians could duck hard policy choices because everyone would gain from growth, but "nobody believes that any more," Ms. Latta said.

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# NASDAQ

**Monday's Prices**  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the NYSE, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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Compaq	0.00	0.0	26.0	15.00	13.00	14.00	14.00
Digital	0.00	0.0	28.0	10.00	8.00	9.00	9.00
PerkinElmer	0.00	0.0	30.0	5.00	4.00	4.50	4.50
Amgen	0.00	0.0	32.0	4.00	3.00	3.50	3.50
Genentech	0.00	0.0	34.0	3.00	2.00	2.50	2.50
Amgen	0.00	0.0	36.0	2.00	1.00	1.50	1.50
Amgen	0.00	0.0	38.0	1.00	0.50	0.75	0.75
Amgen	0.00	0.0	40.0	0.50	0.25	0.375	0.375

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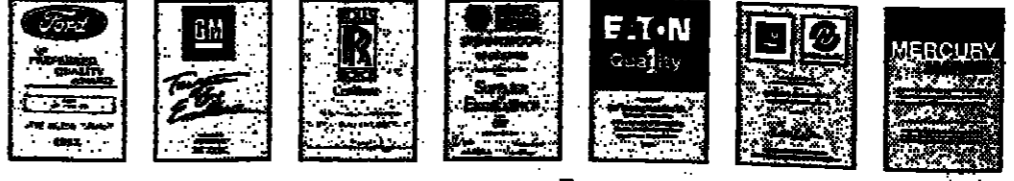
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In the third quarter, sales of the Group's products were weaker than anticipated, with this deterioration wholly in the European market. Sales to the automotive industry, which had shown a positive trend for more than a year, decreased, and a decline has set in.

Sales in the North American market continued to point cautiously upward.

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# Euro Disney's Bleak Tomorrowland

By Kurt Eichenwald  
New York Times Service

The bad news is not over for investors in Euro Disney SCA, the French theme-park operator that is 49 percent owned by Walt Disney, according to a new analysis report.

Euro Disney shares, which traded as high as 165.20 francs (\$31.25) on the Paris Bourse in March, have since lost more than half their value. The stock closed Monday at 74.40 francs.

The report, just issued by Paribas Capital Markets, declares Euro Disney shares to be far overvalued even now.

The Paribas report, "Euro Disney: A Sell Story," is likely to dash the hopes of investors who have seen a slight rally recently as the stock came off its low of 61.20 francs on Oct. 5.

The Paribas report raises questions about almost every financial aspect of Euro Disney, from the quality of its assets to the impact of its high debt levels to the incentive programs for its top management. And its conclusions are stark: Euro Disney is headed for years of losses, the assumptions included with its original offering documents are now invalid and major cost increases will come in the next few years.

"In Euro Disney, we have a coincidence of things that could lead to a share being very volatile and fairly risky," said Nigel Reed, one of three analysts who assembled the report.

Nicholas de Schonen, a spokesman for Euro Disney, said that the company did not comment on analysts' reports. He said more financial data would be released Thursday, when the company announces financial results for its first business year in which the park was operational.

Euro Disney said in June that it would probably have a loss for the year that ended Sept. 30.

The Paribas report takes that further, saying that the company is almost guaranteed a loss in the current year, 1992-93. Beyond that, the report says, the future is uncertain because of Euro Disney's high debt and rising costs.

What looks worse for profit projections is the way ownership has been structured for tax purposes for the theme park itself. The park is owned by Euro Disneyland SNC, a financing company that should not be confused with the publicly listed Euro Disney. The financing company is owned 17 percent by Walt Disney, and 83 percent by a group of French companies.

Last year, the financing company raised debt, purchased the theme park from Euro Disney and leased it back at a charge of the net cost of the debt, according to Paribas. The financing arm passes tax losses on to its investors. For Euro Disney, the arrangement creates a cash-flow benefit because the deal changes the tax treatment for its expenditures for the asset.

But there are problems: Under a moratorium

granted by the banks, the financing company is not required to make debt payments until the fourth quarter of 1994, meaning that Euro Disney's lease payments will be lower in the early years than after the moratorium ends.

In 1995, in other words, Euro Disney's expenses will start to rise. And, at the end of the lease, Euro Disney will repurchase the park at a nominal fee, losing the tax benefits it now has.

"This structure," Paribas says, "lets Euro Disney gain tax benefits earlier than otherwise would have been the case, but boosts reported profits of the earlier years at the expense of the later years."

The financing company also changes the debt picture. Euro Disney's balance sheet shows a net cash position of 250 million francs. But when the off-balance-sheet debt held by Euro Disneyland is included, debt levels rocket to 16.4 billion francs, according to Paribas.

In the analysis, Paribas also found that Walt Disney itself was likely to inhibit future profitability at Euro Disney. Under the current structure, Euro Disney does not even employ its own top management, which instead works for a management subsidiary of Walt Disney.

These executives' incentive bonuses, through stock options, are issued not in shares of Euro Disney but rather in shares of Walt Disney.

# British Steel, in Red, Decries Aid to Rivals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — British Steel PLC announced a first-half loss on Monday, and warned it might have to cut more jobs unless subsidies were stopped to many European rivals and action was taken against cheap steel imports from Eastern Europe.

The company said it had a pretax loss of £51 million (\$79.1 million) in the six months to Oct. 3, compared with a profit of £19 million in the same period last year. It said it would not pay an interim dividend.

Total steel production, at 5.8

million metric tons, was slightly higher than last year's 5.7 million, but the impact of lower prices was felt in the sales figure, which eased to £7.2 billion from £7.3 billion.

The company linked the results to "continued deterioration in market conditions," and said demand and prices for steel had recently turned down again.

It added that the outlook remained "weak" and that second-half sales would be lower than the year-earlier period because of the effect of "continuing recessionary pressures" on orders in Britain and on the Continent.

Last month, British Steel decided to cut output by 20 percent during the last three months of this year, putting an undisclosed number of its 41,800 employees in Britain on short-time work.

The company said its "overriding requirements" were to ensure that its restructuring and capacity reduction were "driven by market demand" and "not impeded by the introduction of state aids, and that the dumping of steel into Europe is avoided by the use of robust and effective anti-dumping measures."

It added that unless these requirements were met, there was an "increasing danger that efficient private-sector steel producers such as British Steel will be compelled to carry out further rationalization."

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# Charge Cuts BOC Profit by 31% in Year

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LONDON — BOC Group PLC, the industrial-gases and health-care group, said Monday that pretax profit dropped 30.6 percent in the year to September, which it largely linked to new accounting rules.

The company said pretax profit fell to £215.0 million (£333 million), after a one-time £117.1 million charge, compared with £310.1 million a year earlier.

The charge related to goodwill for write-offs on businesses sold during the year, including its U.S. Glaxo home health business, and was in accordance with the change in goodwill accounting rules issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The charge took investors and analysts by surprise. Earnings forecasts had ranged from Credit Lyonnais Laing's £344 million to Hoare Govett's £350 million.

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# Blockbuster Joins Virgin in Megastore Venture

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LONDON — Richard Branson's Virgin Group, seeking to expand its Megastores chain, agreed Monday to code a half-interest in its European and Australian stores to the video merchant Blockbuster Entertainment Corp. and to jointly develop a chain of U.S. stores.

Terms were not disclosed for the joint-venture deal between London-based Virgin Retail Group Ltd. and Blockbuster, the big video retailer based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mr. Branson, who sold his Virgin Music Group to Thorn EMI earlier this year, controls

three separate holding companies including Virgin Atlantic Airways. The retail group has focused on developing stores exceeding 10,000 square feet (930 square meters) that sell recorded music, videos and games.

Will Whitehorn, a spokesman for Virgin Retail, said the deal meant Virgin could expand the Megastores without lining up major fresh capital. He said the aim was to triple the Megastores' revenue to £1 billion (\$1.5 billion) by 1996 as a result of this and other recent deals.

Blockbuster will hold a 50 percent stake in a venture operating the 15 Virgin Megastores in France, Germany, Italy, Austria, the Nether-

# Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
1900	2600	2100
1800	2500	2000
1700	2400	1900
1600	2300	1800
1500	2200	1700
1400	2100	1600
J A S O N	J A S O N	J A S O N
1992	1992	1992

Exchange	Index	Monday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Amsterdam	CBS Trend	105.20	104.80	+0.38
Brussels	Stock Index	5,571.14	5,586.93	-0.28
Frankfurt	DAX	1,546.95	1,548.52	-0.10
Frankfurt	FAZ	610.87	609.76	+0.18
Helsinki	HEX	779.13	793.67	-1.83
London	Financial Times 30	2,004.60	2,021.60	-0.84
London	FTSE 100	2,679.60	2,697.50	-0.68
Madrid	General Index	204.80	202.80	+0.99
Milan	MIB	935.00	906.00	+2.86
Paris	CAC 40	1,772.73	1,796.80	-1.34
Stockholm	Affaersvaerden	811.05	801.83	+1.15
Vienna	Stock Index	350.93	349.56	+0.39
Zurich	SBS	638.90	643.30	-0.68

Sources: Reuters, AFP

# Very briefly:

- Paribas said that financial losses at Societe des Ciments Français SA would reduce its profit by 600 million francs (\$114 million) this year.
- Telefonica de Espana SA said parent-company pretax profit in the nine months to September rose 4.9 percent, to 78,484 billion pesetas (\$698 million); it also increased its provisions for foreign-exchange losses by nearly 40 percent, or 7.95 billion pesetas, after the peseta's devaluation.
- Grand Metropolitan PLC said its International Distillers & Vintners unit had agreed to take a 30 percent stake in Gonzalez Byass & Co. of Spain.
- Bouygues SA said it had won a contract worth nearly 1.6 billion francs (\$302 million) to build a hotel and commercial center in Singapore.
- Britain's Trade and Industry Department said it would not refer Reed International PLC's merger with Elsevier NV for a monopoly inquiry.
- The Oslo bourse is extending until January a temporary delisting of the Norwegian insurer UNI Storebrand A/S, which has been administered by the state since it suspended debt payments in August; UNI said it was offering each of its 4,700 employees three months' pay to leave.
- Nestlé SA's British arm has bought the assets of Clarke Foods Ltd., Britain's second-largest ice-cream producer, from the receiver Probus Rhodes; no terms were disclosed.

# EC's Brittan Denies Bias In British Airways Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS — Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, "completely rejects" allegations of favoritism by Air France regarding his decision to let British Airways take over Dan Air without an EC merger inquiry, the commissioner's spokesman said Monday.

The spokesman said the accusation made in an Air France statement by Chairman Bernard Attali on Sunday was "judicious" and that Sir Leon was preparing a "vigorous reply" by letter.

Sir Leon, who is British, said earlier this month that the Commission did not have jurisdiction over the proposed takeover because Dan Air's sales were below the level needed to trigger an inquiry.

Mr. Attali had told Sir Leon in an 11-page letter that he had grave reservations about the Dan Air case and stated his worries about other British Airways plans to buy half of the French regional airline Transport Aérien Transrégional.

# Italian Share Prices Up On Privatization News

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MILAN — Share prices closed higher Monday in a session dominated by state-controlled stocks following the release over the weekend of the government's privatization plans, dealers said.

Trading volume was estimated at more than 350 billion lire (\$260 million), the dealers said. The MIB index climbed 19 points, or 2.09 percent, to 928.

In Rome, the government said Monday that it hoped to begin the "operational stage" of its privatization program within weeks, following parliamentary ratification of its plans.

"We are proceeding quickly and foreigners acknowledge this," said the prime minister, Giuliano Amato, of the government's privatization activities.

Banca Commerciale Italiana led the charge, as stocks in state companies scheduled to be denationalized surged.

Banca Commerciale closed 11 percent higher at 4,843 lire. Banca Commerciale, one of the state banks the government will sell before the end of 1994, was traded heavily, with 13.8 million ordinary shares changing hands. Banca di Roma, another bank on the privatization list, jumped 7.6 percent.

The state-controlled insurer Asitalia, which was suspended until the end of the session, was officially closed 11.8 percent higher at 9,895 lire.

The buoyant mood spilled over into nonstate-sector blue chips with Fiat and Generali rising strongly.

While welcoming the government's privatization proposals, some brokers noted an exact timetable was still lacking.

An analyst, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "We don't yet know how the government intends to carry out these privatizations, and the 27 billion lire they are meant to earn the state over the next three years is not even a drop in the ocean compared to our national debt."

"However," he added, "there seems to be a general, but unfounded, feeling that the worst is over."

In Rome, the state telecommunications holding Stet SpA forecast that its consolidated net profit would remain virtually flat in 1992 at 1,408 trillion lire, the news agency ANSA reported.

ANSA said the airline Alitalia forecast profit of 32.2 billion lire, in contrast to a 34.5 billion lire loss in 1991.

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# GATT: French Stance Assailed

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average production levels from 1986 through 1990. Grain growers, France said, would be required to set aside more than the 15 percent of their land called for in the revision of the Community's Common Agricultural Policy.

EC officials privately concede that a trade agreement with the United States and other farm exporting nations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade might require further changes in later years than those already adopted by the Community.

But the EC Commission strongly disputed the French allegation that it had exceeded its negotiating mandate and said that Paris had misinterpreted the potential impact of a GATT trade agreement. Officials in Brussels also accuse France of trying to escape from its agree-

ment to make the cutbacks called for under the revision of the Common Agricultural Policy.

David Curry, Britain's junior farm minister, said that Mr. MacSharry described France's projections as "rubbish and nonsense." Other governments called them alarmist, he said.

U.S. officials are insisting that the Community guarantee to set a ceiling on oilseed output over the next six years as well as establish firm limits on farm exports in general. Much of the remaining negotiating between Washington and Brussels revolves around how specific they should be in spelling out those limits.

Meanwhile, Arthur Dunkel, director-general of GATT, which is based in Geneva, met Monday with top U.S. officials in Washington to stress that this week's EC-U.S. talks hold the key to six years of work on a pact to lower international trade barriers.

Mr. Dunkel, who had met Mr. MacSharry and Mr. Amannessen on Friday, said he was more optimistic than before that both sides now had the political will to solve their disputes.

# BANKS: Economy's Toll

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optimistic if indeed economic growth does slow to 0.5 percent," they added. The 0.5 percent figure is the 1993 growth estimated in October by Germany's five leading research institutes. On Monday, the government's council of economic advisers on Monday predicted the economy in Western Germany would show no real growth next year, while expectations for growth in Eastern Germany were revised downward to 6.5 percent.

Ms. Eisenblatter of SMH was more assertive. "Next year, partial operating profits won't grow as fast as in the past, while cost will continue to rise," she said. Particularly worrisome, she said, is that "domestic risks are growing as the number of bankruptcies rises."

"Under the right circumstances, the situation could get quite serious."

In general, analysts surveyed focused more on potential risks than potential rewards. Nevertheless, analysts suggested banks' 1993 earnings growth would slow, not come to a full stop.

Banks with a strong mortgage lending business such as Hypo-Bank, Bayerische Vereinsbank and Deutsche Bank will outperform the big commercial banks, according to Reinhard Winkler, chairman of Rhine Securities Ltd., a London brokerage. "Mortgage banks are especially interest-rate sensitive," he said.

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Monday's Closing  
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15.00	14.00	Oracle	0.00	0.0	15.0	100	150.00	145.00	145.00
12.00	11.00	Novartis	0.00	0.0	15.0	100	120.00	115.00	115.00
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15.00	14.00	Oracle	0.00	0.0	15.0	100	150.00	145.00	145.00
10.00	9.00	Microsoft	0.00	0.0	15.0	100	100.00	98.00	98.00
12.50	11.50	IBM	3.50	3.1	13.1	100	125.00	124.00	124.00

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Monday's Closing  
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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In Asian Stock Markets, Gloom Has Many Causes

Stock markets were almost uniformly bleak across Asia on Monday but the reasons were decidedly diverse: a banker's suicide in Seoul, the illness of a senior government official in Singapore, political worries in Hong Kong and a 10-year volume in Tokyo.

Of the established markets, those in South Korea and Singapore took the biggest falls, 2.47 and 2.25 percent respectively. Leading indexes fell 1.75 percent in Bangkok, 1.13 percent in Hong Kong, 1.06 percent in Sydney and 1.03 percent in Tokyo.

China's two immature, volatile markets lost a composite 7.7 percent. Only Taipei was higher among major markets, up 0.4 percent.

In Seoul, a market already nervous about future trends after major inflows of foreign funds, grew concerned Monday over the significance of the suicide Sunday of a branch manager at Commercial Bank of Korea, traders said.

Police found in his wallet certificates worth 15 billion won (\$19 million) that were issued for loans to Lotte Shopping Center, a department store of the Lotte business group, news reports said.

In Singapore, rumors that Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was seriously ill depressed stocks all day. They were confirmed at the market close in a government statement. It said Mr. Lee, son of the former prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew and a likely candidate to be

the next prime minister, began chemotherapy Monday for treatment of cancer.

In Hong Kong, investors seized an excuse to take profits after last week's record highs, the excuse being a renewed dispute between China and Britain over the multi-billion-dollar project for the territory's new airport.

Beijing on Saturday warned the Hong Kong government of the consequences of going it alone on the project.

In Tokyo, volume on the exchange's first session was an estimated 120 million shares, the lowest volume since Aug. 16, 1982.

Many investors are refraining from buying or selling stocks until the bulk of mid-year corporate earnings are announced. In addition, traders are discouraged by a political scandal involving leaders of the Liberal Democratic Party that is holding up an emergency economic plan.

The Credit Lyonnais CLSA All China Index, covering the Shenzhen and Shanghai markets, plummeted Monday as bearishness toward the Shenzhen authorities' ability to revive the lagging market returned.

In Bangkok, stocks were lower on concern over regulators' threats of action against share manipulators.

In Sydney, the market hit a 22-month low ahead of the release this week of bank earnings, expected to be generally weak.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

Sony Music Beats the Profit Drum

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO—Sony Music Entertainment Inc. bucked the trend of a dismal earnings season on Monday by reporting a 48.9 percent jump in pretax profit for the six months ended Sept. 30.

Conceding that it faces a sales slowdown in the months ahead as the economic slump bites in Japan, Sony Music said it earned 12.7 billion yen (\$103 million) as sales climbed 11.1 percent to 50.9 billion yen.

Compact disks and tapes by Japanese artists, which accounted for 57 percent of sales, soared 28 percent, dwarfing revenues from such U.S. powerhouses as Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen.

But Sony Music said it expected sales growth to slow to 3 percent in the second half.

(Bloomberg, AFP)

Strange Sale of Astra Shares Batters Confidence in Jakarta

Reuter JAKARTA—The distress sale of a big block of stock in one of the Jakarta exchange's bluest chips, in a way that appeared blatantly to violate disclosure rules, has cast a further pall over the troubled market, analysts and brokers said Monday.

PT Astra International, a conglomerate based on auto assembly that is Indonesia's second-largest private-sector company, did not identify the buyer or buyers of the 40 million shares that were sold for a total of about 400 billion rupiah (\$195 million) on Friday.

The sale was equivalent to 16.5 percent of the company but the Jakarta stock exchange appears not to have been informed, even though there is an exchange requirement to give details of such large deals, brokers said.

On Monday, a source extensive of the company, dominated until recently by the Soeryajaya family, said that even he did not know who

bought the shares. "I'm also really curious to know," said Palgunadi Setiawan, an Astra vice president.

The share sale was triggered by the near-collapse last week of Bank Summa, controlled by the Soeryajaya family. By most accounts the family, once owners of 75.87 percent of Astra, were forced to sell the shares to raise capital to bail out the bank. The family's Summa Group, through which they own the bank, has debt of up to \$600 million.

Brokers speculate that one big buyer of Astra shares could have been members of President Suharto's family, who already have an array of business interests. But the brokers said it now seemed certain that Toyota Motor Corp. was not a buyer, as had been rumored on Friday. Toyota owns 51 percent of Astra's local car-assembly company.

Bank Indonesia suspended Bank Summa from the clearing system on Friday after it failed to meet its obligations with the central bank.

Brokers said the suspension appeared to follow a very large withdrawal from Bank Summa earlier in the week by a local foundation.

The Jakarta stock market has been struggling against high local interest rates and a series of company scandals that were already deterring foreign investors.

The latest occurrence "makes us a bit bearish," said William Daniels, who heads PT Baring Securities Indonesia. "I feel we're looking at the potential for a run of confidence on major listed companies."

On Monday, Astra fell 600 rupiah to 9,500, but brokers' off-market bids were around 8,000 rupiah.

The main stock index fell 1.69 percent Monday to 291.72 points, less than half its level two years ago. One broker estimated that after the sales and excluding shares used as collateral for bank loans, the family owners may have no more than 9 million shares left in Astra. There are 242 million outstanding.

China Investment Drains Taiwan Market

Reuter TAIPEI—A growing outflow of capital to China is undermining Taiwan's stock and property markets and may pose a long-term threat to the island's economy, analysts and officials said Monday.

As China's economy booms and political tensions between the rival governments in Taipei and Beijing ease, billions of U.S. dollars are being channeled out of Taiwan for investment on the mainland.

The capital flows, which began in the late 1980s, are accelerating as Taiwan's economy becomes more closely integrated with China.

"The slumps in the stock and property markets are closely related to capital outflow to the mainland through underground channels," the state radio quoted a senior Economics Ministry official as saying.

The real estate market is stagnant and stock prices are languishing near 20-month lows. Trading volumes at their smallest in over four years. Brokers say huge amounts of money

formerly invested in Taiwan equities have moved to China.

Tai Chen, a spokesman for the Taipei Securities Dealers Association, said: "Money supply has grown steadily for the past two years, but the stock and property markets have been in the doldrums. This shows capital outflow is considerable."

Economists said Taiwan long-term interest rates could rise and the private sector might face a capital shortage in coming years if capital outflows continued to rise rapidly.

Edmund Hsueh, chief economist at the Core Pacific Group, said, "Big, sustained capital outflows would have a very negative effect on the economy."

According to a government study, new Taiwan investment in China totaled \$1.3 billion in the first half of 1992, more than in the whole of last year. This made China by far the main foreign destination for Taiwanese capital.

Private analysts say official figures underestimate actual capital outflow because many businessmen do not report their Chinese projects in

order to evade taxes and Taipei's remaining restrictions on business ties with China.

Mr. Hsueh estimated that new Taiwan investment in China has totaled \$10 billion so far this year, double the amount last year.

Central bank officials have said that Taiwan's balance of payments may fall into deficit because of the outflow. The surplus plunged to \$670 million in the second quarter, from \$1.48 billion in the first and \$1.27 billion a year ago.

Senior government officials, warning that Taiwan-China economic ties are "overheating," have said they may take steps to restrict investment, such as a curbing in lending to Taiwan businessmen by state-run banks.

But private economists believe the government, under pressure from the business community to further liberalize its China policy, is unlikely to crack down.

"Unless the government can find ways to encourage domestic investment," Mr. Hsueh said, "the entire manufacturing sector, apart from high-technology industries, could move to the mainland in coming years."

Investor's Asia

Table with columns for Exchange, Index, Monday Close, Prev. Close, % Change. Rows include Hong Kong Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, Tokyo Nikkei 225, Kuala Lumpur Composite, Bangkok SET, Seoul Composite Stock, Taipei Weighted Price, Jakarta Composite, New Zealand NZSE-40, Bombay National Index.

Very briefly:

- Australia delayed the sale of part of its Qantas Airways Ltd. until mid-December in order to give the three bidders—British Airways, Singapore Airlines and Air New Zealand—more time to study sale conditions.
Johnston Electric Holdings, an electric-motor maker, told the Hong Kong Stock Exchange it was boosting its new share issue to 42.4 million shares from 40 million, under an option exercised by the lead manager.
Samsi Manufacturing shares rose 42.5 Hong Kong cents to close at 2.525 dollars (33 U.S. cents) on news that Shenzhen Electronics Group, a state-owned Chinese conglomerate, will take a controlling stake.
Bridgestone Corp., the Japanese tiremaker, confirmed reports it had postponed a 15 billion yen (\$121 million) plant in southern Japan; it cited the disappointing economic climate for its decision.
Barua has granted permission to Thailand's government-owned Krung Thai Bank to become the first foreign bank to operate in the country.
Ray Richwhite & Co., the New Zealand merchant bank, is paying shareholders 40 million dollars (\$21 million) as a special dividend to mark the successful sale of its 23 percent holding in Bank of New Zealand.
MIM Holdings Ltd., the Australian base-metal producer, said its venture with a Japanese consortium would proceed with development of the McArthur River zinc-lead-silver project in the Northern Territory.

Australia Sees Jobs Pinch

CANBERRA—Treasurer John Dawkins conceded Monday that unemployment would probably exceed government predictions in the fiscal year to June 30, leading to speculation that the governing Labor Party may have to revise downward its official growth forecasts. The government has estimated that unemployment would average 10.5 percent during the fiscal year, dropping to 10 percent by June 30. But last week it reported that unemployment surged in October to 11.3 percent. "It is, of course, disappointing that we can't get the unemployment rate down more quickly," Mr. Dawkins said. "That's a function of the fact that the economy is not growing as fast as we would like."

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

Large table listing various international funds with columns for fund name, currency, and other details. Includes sections for International Funds, Lippo Investments, and Other Funds.

# SPORTS BASEBALL

## Baseball Expansion Draft To Be Major Talent Hunt

By Mark Maske  
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — When major-league baseball's expansion draft gets underway Tuesday, the National League's new teams, the Florida Marlins and the Colorado Rockies, will have some of the game's biggest names — and better contracts — available for stocking their rosters.

The Marlins and the Rockies, slated to begin play next season, will be the first expansion teams to draft players from both leagues. And, this draft comes in the middle of the most uncertain of economic times for baseball, which is reflected in the players who have been left unprotected.

The numbers between the dollar sign and the decimal point are why the Marlins and Rockies will be able to draft a player such as Danny Tartabull, one of the game's best (and best-compensated) sluggers.

"That's why they have a chance to pick up Glenn Davis, Jack Morris, George Bell, Jose Lind, Eddie Murray, Lee Smith and Bruce Hurst. And it's why baseball executives say that the Marlins and the Rockies could win more games than any previous expansion clubs.

"We don't know exactly what direction we're going to go in," the Marlins' general manager, Dave Dombrowski, said of the draft. "All we know is, we think we can come away with some pretty good players."

The Rockies won a coin flip, but they haven't said whether they'll pick first in Round 1 or select second in the opening round and first in Rounds 2 and 3.

The Marlins and the Rockies will each pick 36 players. Each of the 26 biggest league teams will lose one player in the first round of the draft and another in the second, and every National League club and eight of the 14 American

League teams will lose a third player in Round 3.

Between rounds, NL clubs can make three additions to their protected lists, while AL teams can pull back four players.

Most observers expect the Marlins and the Rockies to draft young players in hopes of building a foundation of talent. These, after all, are cost-cutting times for virtually everyone in the game. And, baseball people say, there are enough good young players available to make the expansion clubs — with a few moderately priced veterans added — respectable.

The best guess of many baseball people is that the No. 1 selection will be pitcher Pete Smith, 26, a right-hander who went 7-0 in his 11 starts for the Atlanta Braves this year. The Braves and the New York Yankees are deep in young talent, so the draft likely will hurt them more than other teams.

**Many Trades Expected**  
*Murray Chass of The New York Times reported.*

A lot of the draft may involve players the two expansion teams can trade.

Since the 15-man protected lists of the 26 clubs were received last Monday, Dombrowski and the Rockies' general managers, Bob Gebhard, have been calling other general managers asking if they have any interest in players who have been exposed to the draft.

Gebhard and Dombrowski have geared each group of unprotected players to a club's needs, offering to draft a specific player whom they would then trade for a player or two of their liking.

In composing their protected lists, general managers were aware that a player they wanted to leave unprotected, because he might not be attractive to an expansion club, could wind up being lost anyway.

"We knew going in there would be these kinds of decisions being made," said Jerry Walker of the Detroit Tigers. "The strategy of the whole thing from the start has been uncertain because you didn't know what those clubs were going to do. They didn't know what they were going to do."

Gebhard acknowledged talking to the general managers of the 26 existing clubs about possible trades and said he has found some definite possibilities.

Explaining the trade strategy, the Rockies' general manager said: "A club may have someone on their 15-man protected list I like. If I like them, if they have dollars to spend on a certain type of player who might have appeal to them but not to me, I could draft him and trade him to them for the player on their protected list that I like."

Dombrowski said that he and his staff have also talked daily with other clubs about possible trades, and added that major players could be swapped Tuesday.

One could be Lee Smith, the venerable relief pitcher left exposed by St. Louis. An official of another club said he had heard that the Marlins were talking to Atlanta about drafting Smith and trading him to the Braves, who need a closer.

The disclosure of the protected lists has also enabled general managers to call the expansion clubs proposing trades for players not on the lists.

"I wouldn't be surprised if clubs are calling us and the Rockies trying to make the best deal that they can," Dombrowski said. "It's possible that a club could have deals with both teams and would make it with the team that drafted the player they want."

"We don't have any deals in place at this point, but we have continued to talk to people and our conversations have intensified."



Vladimir Divac of the Lakers and Chris Gatling of the Warriors battled each other as much as for possession of the basketball.

## Threat Is A Treat for The Lakers

The Associated Press

Sedale Threatt, the Los Angeles Lakers' replacement for Magic Johnson, scored 24 points as they won at home for the first time this season.

Threatt made 10 of 18 shots, with

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seven assists and four steals, as the Lakers, who had been 0-2 in front of their fans, extended the Golden State Warriors' losing streak to four with a 105-102 victory Sunday night.

Threatt played 40 minutes because the Lakers' coach, Randy Pfund, is bringing young guards Anthony Peeler and Duane Cooper along slowly.

"Sedale is a fighter, and when we need him, he'll be there," James Worthy said, adding that "we've got to monitor his minutes and don't wear him out too much."

"Victor Alexander played his best game" with 12 rebounds and nine points, "and Chris Mullin's playing sensational," said the Warriors' coach, Don Nelson. "But we had 23 turnovers, too many of them unforgotten. We got off to a bad start and had no discipline a couple of times when we needed it."

Nets 111, Bulls 104: Drazen Petrovic scored 16 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter as New Jersey extended Washington's losing streak on the road to 15 consecutive games, four this season.

### CNN Correction

Because of a transmission error, the time of CNN's telecast of NBA highlights on Sundays was misstated in editions of Nov. 13. The program is telecast at 2:00 GMT, until Feb. 7 when, following the NFL's Super Bowl, the NBA show will be telecast at 1:30 GMT.

## A Minimalist Game As Soccer's 'Future'

By Laurence Zuckerman  
*International Herald Tribune*

HONG KONG — They tried to get a wave going at the Hong Kong Coliseum. At first, the thin crowd of spectators at the opening day of the World Indoor Soccer Championship did not seem to catch on.

But players from some of the 16 national teams in the competition, who were sitting on the opposite side of the arena, persisted in throwing their arms up. Round and round it went until, finally, the rest of the crowd in the half-filled stands joined in enthusiastically.

FIFA, the governing body of international soccer, which organized this second world championship, hopes that the 15-day event will have similar success in stirring interest in five-a-side indoor soccer.

Joseph Blatter, the federation's chief executive, insists that the game represents soccer's future. It is played in two 20-minute halves on a surface the size of a basketball court, using a ball that is slightly smaller than the one used outdoors.

"There is less and less green space available to play 11-a-side football," Blatter said, "so perhaps in one generation five-a-side will replace 11-a-side as the main football game."

"It is not FIFA's wish, but a projection," he added.

Blatter had estimated that 20 million people around the world played some form of miniature soccer. But he had to revise his figures upward on Sunday after speaking to the head of the Chinese team, who told him that 10 million of China's 50 million soccer players play "small soccer," as it is called there.

Despite these claims, however, attendance at the Hong Kong games has been low and the game's international reach is spotty at best. The most sophisticated players are in Spain and Brazil, the reigning world champion. Both countries have professional leagues with sponsors and regular television coverage. The game is also popular in Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands. But each country plays by slightly different rules and a few of the other teams at the championship had never played five-a-side before.

Nigeria was the only team in Africa to show interest. An elimination tournament for teams from the Americas, scheduled for April, was canceled because the United States and Costa Rica were the only applicants for the two slots. Hong Kong, the host, is fielding a team for the first time, coached by Vic Hermans, a Dutchman who was the most valuable player of the first five-a-side world championship, played in Rotterdam in 1989.

Soccer purists are appalled by the five-a-side game.

"I think it is total Mickey Mouse," said a local sports journalist. "It's like we used to play in the bloody schoolyard."

But there is no doubt the game has great potential as a crowd pleaser. More than 300 goals were scored in the six qualifying events earlier this year, an average of eight per match. On such a small surface, shots on the goal can be fired from mid-field. Success requires superior ball handling and quickness.

"It's really in its very early stages, but if the event has a chance to evolve, perhaps it will develop a similar strategy to what is used in the NBA," said John Kowalski, the U.S. coach, referring to the National Basketball Association. Kowalski coached the U.S. team to a surprise bronze medal in 1989.

The opening match on Sunday, between Nigeria and Argentina, was a classic illustration of the difference between the traditional game and five-a-side. The strong and talented Nigerians were quickly outmaneuvered by the more agile and experienced Argentinians, who scored four goals in the first half.

But the Nigerians quickly adjusted in the second half, defending more closely and passing more. In the end, they lost, 6-2.

In the second match of the day, the Hong Kong team had the opposite experience against Poland, taking an early lead and then losing its concentration. Driven by the home crowd, it rushed its game, taking shot after unsuccessful shot before losing, 4-2.

"The game is not just quickness," Hermans said afterward. "You must also bring the speed out again and take time to calm down."

But he and Kowalski agreed that the level of play would improve during the tournament.

"You learn only when you play games," Hermans said.

### SIDELINES

#### FISA May Delay Start Of Formula One Season

PARIS (AFP) — The start of next year's Formula One racing may be delayed to allow teams more time to build new cars, sources at FISA, motor racing's governing body, said Monday.

They said that many teams had complained they were having problems with the new rules on wheel and chassis specifications.

Bernie Ecclestone, president of the constructors' association, is said to be ready to delay the start of the season that is scheduled to begin Feb. 28 in South Africa.

#### For The Record

Steffi Graf won her winning streak to four tournaments with a 6-3 6-6 6-1 victory over Amanda Sanchez Vicario in the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia. (Reuters)

Boris Becker said Monday that he felt "fine now" for the ATP World Championships that begin Tuesday in Frankfurt. He said he fell ill last week and went to Rome for an exhibition only to honor his commitment. (AP)

Davis Love eagled the par-5 18th hole from 40 feet to win the Kapala International in Hawaii by one shot over Mike Hulbert. (AP)

#### Quotable

Keith Gilbertson, football coach at California, on the \$50,000 in loans a nuclear engineer made to Washington quarterback Billy Joe Hobart: "I knew nuclear physicists made that much money. I would have studied harder." (AP)

## With Sailor Missing, Questions Raised on Safety Systems

By Barbara Lloyd  
*New York Times Service*

NEW YORK — The two weeks before Mike Plant left on his trans-Atlantic voyage, he hardly had time for a cup of coffee. His efforts to please sponsors, as well as his frantic, last-minute pitch for additional financing, left Plant with little energy for more important matters — such as getting his boat ready.

"It was like there was a cast of thousands every time you went out to sail the boat," said Rick Viggiano, an electronics expert who set up Plant's new 60-foot (18-meter) yacht, Coyote, with an array of navigational and computer equipment.

Plant, who is more than two weeks overdue in his 3,200-mile (5,150-kilometer) voyage from New York City to Les Sables-d'Olonne, France, is the focus of an intensive Coast Guard search that continued Monday in an area 700 miles northeast of Bermuda.

Plant's new boat was built to compete in the Vendée Globe Challenge, a solo, nonstop race around the world that is to begin Nov. 22 from Les Sables. The voyage across the Atlantic was considered

his boat's qualifier for the global race. Plant had sailed around the world alone three times.

But he was under mounting pressure to find additional corporate sponsorship for his \$1 million project before setting sail Oct. 16 from New York City. Plant, a tenacious competitor, didn't particularly like these on-shore responsibilities but accepted them as part of being a professional sailor.

"It's frustrating, because I don't think I'm as good at that part of the job as I'd like to be," he said in July.

Before Plant and Coyote set off, there were hundreds of details to tend to, not the least of which was registering his emergency position-indicating radio beacon. The device sends out a signal for help in case of trouble. For some reason, the registration wasn't completed, a slip-up that may have cost Plant his life.

Coyote lost electronic power on Oct. 21, a problem that Plant conveyed by radio to a passing freighter. But he has not been heard from since. On Oct. 27, he apparently triggered his radio beacon, a sign that he was in possible danger. Yet

the monitoring system appeared to fail for two reasons.

First, Plant's transmitter was not registered. Without identification information, the Canadian Coast Guard, which picked up the alert via a northern satellite, had no idea who was in need of help.

Second, the radio beacon signal was too short-lived to give Canadian officials a valid position. The rescue teams are searching in an area based on a rough estimate of Plant's whereabouts.

And, when the satellite failed to relay another signal from the radio beacon after a second pass nine hours later, Canadian officials apparently concluded that the signal was a false alarm.

Friends of Plant's tracked down the identification number of his radio beacon. With that information, the U.S. Coast Guard knew that it was Plant's beacon that had been activated and picked up by Canada.

A question in the face of Plant's personal danger is whether the radio beacon is enough to protect long-distance sailors.

The Vendée race requires that the 15

boats entered in the 24,000-mile voyage carry Argos transponders, devices that are far more reliable than the emergency radio beacon.

The Argos system, a joint tracking program overseen by French and U.S. government agencies, has been used on racing boats since 1987, including previous round-the-world races in which Plant competed.

The transponder, usually mounted on the stern of a boat, sends a continuous satellite signal. It allows race officials to track a boat, and know its location at all times. Plant was scheduled to receive his Argos unit once he got to France.

Fabrice Langreny, a business manager for the Argos system in the United States, said that the Argos service would cost a yachtmaster about \$1,800 for a 30-day Atlantic passage. A radio beacon, which sends out a signal only when activated, costs about \$2,500.

Langreny said he spoke with Plant about the transponder just before Coyote sailed for France. "I wish I had pushed that a little bit harder," he said. "But people like him are very good, and I don't

want to offend them. Crossing the Atlantic is something they have done in the past, and they don't see any problem."

Single-handed sailing is known more for its heroics at sea and the opportunity for adventure it presents than for its tragedy. In the last decade, the number of competitions has increased. They include the BOC Challenge, a solo race around the world with four stops, the nonstop Vendée race and numerous shorter trans-Atlantic races. Since the first BOC race in 1983-84, one man has died, and several have been rescued.

Mark Schrader, a race director for the last BOC competition as well as a former competitor, said from France that he would like to see the Argos system used on every long-distance racing and cruising boat.

"I think that we have to look at these things and say that perhaps, even on the qualifier, when it is a boat's first major shakedown, we have to arrange for transponders," said Schrader. "It may be up to the skipper, but race organizers should be poking and prodding to make sure they're on."

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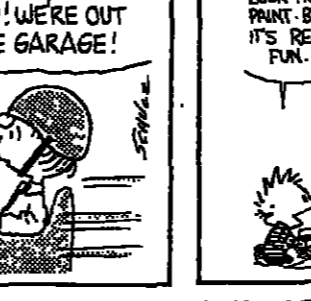
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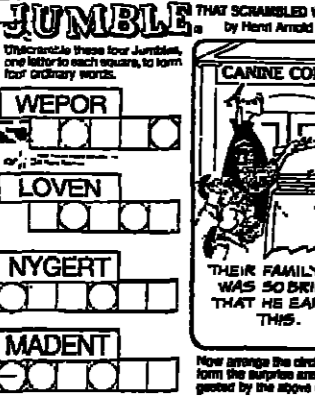
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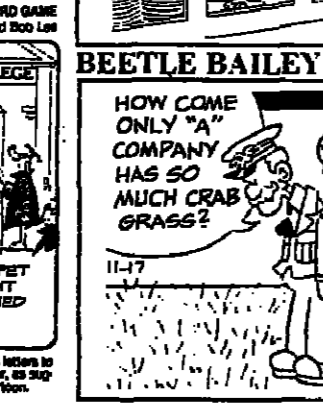
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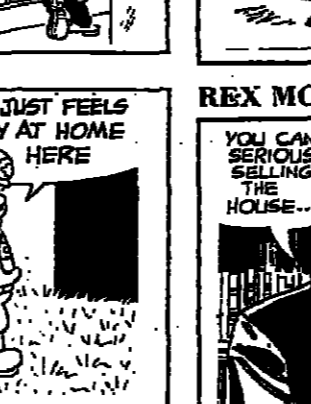
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SPORTS FOOTBALL

Underdog With Bite Has College Bowl Games Scrambling

By William N. Wallace
NEW YORK — Presumption is a dangerous failing in college football when November rolls around.

The AP Top 25 table listing college football teams with columns for Rank, Team, and Record.

mighty Miami with the bowl's host team, the Big Eight championship, seemed considerably in the tank.

Lewis-Bruno Bout Likely

The Associated Press
LONDON — Lennox Lewis of Britain wants to fight Riddick Bowe for the heavy-weight title taken from Evander Holyfield.

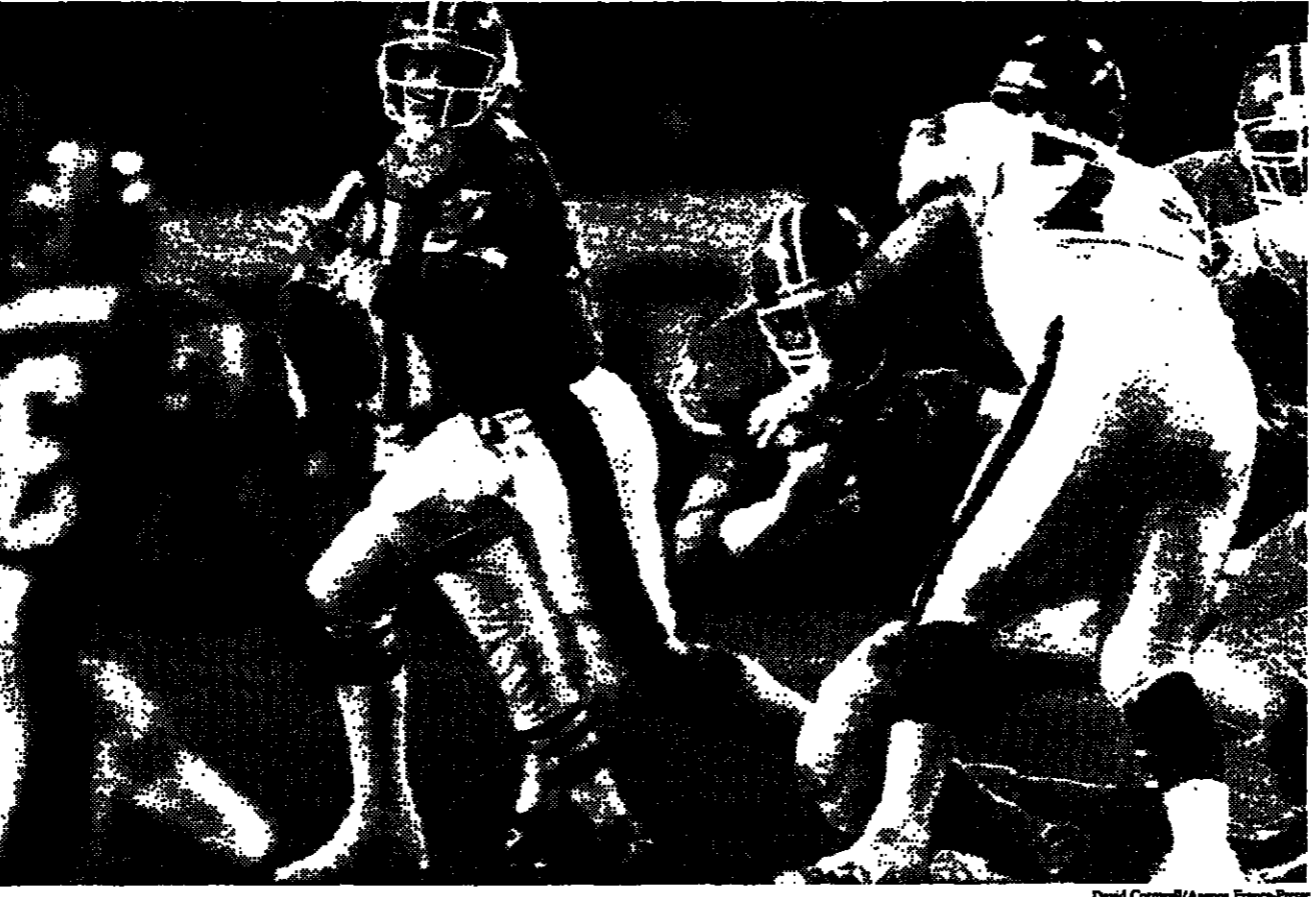
2 Late TDs by 49ers Slam Door on Saints

By Bob Oates
Los Angeles Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — The world got a new boxing champion over the weekend in Riddick Bowe.

Everett and Gary Excel as Rams End the Cowboys' Streak

Final minute. But their pass offense isn't sophisticated enough to run up the points needed to beat a quarterback who does all the things that Young can do.

No Saint netted more than 34 yards on a day when New Orleans quarterback Bobby Hebert threw two scoring passes, reaching rookie wide receiver Torrance Small from 22 yards for a 10-0 lead in the second quarter and running back Dalton Hilliard from 11 yards to make it 20-7 in the third quarter.



The Giants had the Broncos' John Elway on the run before driving him out of the game in the second quarter with a bruised shoulder.

Black Sunday for NFL's Quarterbacks

It was another round of "Clobber the Quarterback" with seven injured. John Elway of Denver, Warren Moon of Houston, Jeff Hosteler of the New York Giants, Brett Favre of Green Bay, Browning Nagle of the New York Jets, Jeff George of Indianapolis and Neil O'Donnell of Pittsburgh were all hurt Sunday.

brued, Favre's left shoulder was separated, O'Donnell pulled a hamstring and Nagle's right foot was bruised.

SCOREBOARD

Football section of the scoreboard showing NFL Standings and American Conference results.

Basketball section of the scoreboard showing NBA Standings and Eastern Conference results.

Hockey section of the scoreboard showing NHL Standings and Wales Conference results.

Tennis section of the scoreboard showing Virginia Slims Tournament and Transactions.

Baseball section of the scoreboard showing Chicago White Sox and National Football League.

Cricket section of the scoreboard showing South Africa 1st Test and 2nd Test.

Herald Tribune advertisement for living in the U.S., featuring text about delivery in key cities and subscription information.

Mercedes advertisement for the 1st London event, listing car models and contact information.

International Classified advertisement listing various services such as escorts, guides, and travel agencies.

Escorts & Guides advertisement listing various services and contact information for different locations.

Subscription advertisement for the Herald Tribune, offering a 46% discount on the newsstand price and providing contact details.

ART BUCHWALD

Nothing Like Change

WASHINGTON — Every time a new administration comes to Washington some very imaginative editor says, "Hey, why don't we do a story on how Washington will change because of the new president?"



Buchwald

For example, if you worked for Clinton during the campaign you will now be permitted to tie up your horse at the White House fence. I could hear her computer keys clicking away.

Coppola's Dracula Tops Weekend Box Office

LOS ANGELES — "Bram Stoker's Dracula," Francis Ford Coppola's version of the horror epic, took in an estimated \$32 million to top the U.S. weekend box office sweepstakes.

"What about food? Will the restaurateurs change their menus?" As soon as the Clintons move in, McDonald's will feature caifish burgers on all its menus.

'Marriage at Cana': Restored or Defaced?

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service

PARIS — After living through a controversial cleaning and a dramatic accident that left five gashes in its canvas, Veronese's "Marriage at Cana," one of the Louvre Museum's greatest Renaissance treasures, returned to public display Monday.



The Veronese masterpiece, one of the Louvre's greatest treasures, returned to public display Monday.

The damage caused when the Venetian masterpiece fell in June, is no longer visible to the naked eye. The colossal painting spent much of the summer undergoing plastic surgery as specialists glued, pressed and retouched the tears, three of which were about three to four feet (90 to 120 centimeters) long.

The grand biblical feast has changed most as a result of the painstaking cleanup, which has taken two and a half years — twice as long it took Veronese to paint it.

Although the work has been restored half a dozen times before, this latest effort has set off fierce arguments reminiscent of the fight over the cleaning of Michelangelo's murals in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican.

The "Marriage at Cana" is one of the Louvre's largest paintings, measuring 22 feet by 32 and a half feet, a sumptuous scene that seems more plucked from a grand opera than from the New Testament.

Alfonso Pérez Sánchez, the former director of Madrid's Prado Museum, surveying the painting said: "This is more a resurrection than a restoration. That caramel blanket has gone and now there is a silver hue. The sky was an ugly green mass. It has improved enormously."

As a result of extensive X-ray work, the restorers have also taken some daring decisions which, they maintain, have brought the painting closer to the way it was when Veronese finished it in 1563.

The most drastic change affects a crucial figure in the foreground, the master of ceremonies, who spent almost four centuries dressed in a red-brown robe that is now green. Restorers said they decided to remove the red coat and expose the green layer beneath it after chemical and X-ray analysis convinced them that a painter other than Veronese had applied the red.

"The materials in the red were different and the treatment was coarse and flat, unlike Veronese," said Nathalie Volle, the curator who led the restoration team. "We don't know who did that. The painting was damaged there and restored." Outside experts called in by the Louvre before the metamorphosis concurred.

But the new Association to Protect the Integrity of Artistic Heritage, a group of 160 artists concerned about modern "cavalier" cleanups, in a detailed critique said the Louvre has violated the work's integrity. It argues that the upper half of the red robe was clearly Veronese's work and

only the bottom half was coarse, due to the pest repair. Jean Bazaine, a prominent painter who heads the group, in a letter to the Louvre, argued that studies of the master's work have shown that he often painted layers of different colors to give depth and light to a surface.

In interviews, Bazaine and other painters argued that the prominent red space was part of the internal logic of the painting, providing a balance amid cold tones of whites, greens and blues. By turning it green, they argued, the aspect of the painting has radically changed.

A lesser change was made on a guest holding a white napkin. His red cape also covered up a green garment that was first exposed but restorers, citing historical reasons, have turned the garment into a red doublet.

But the group of artists is asking for more reflection and debate that includes artists themselves. Valerio Adami, an Italian painter in Paris chided: "Restorers need more modesty. They can be very dangerous because they are

convinced that they are right but they refuse to admit that they represent the taste of our time."

The X-ray of the "Marriage at Cana," made before the cleaning, has turned up some discoveries that have delighted art historians. Now on display opposite the restored work, the life-size X-ray reveals some of the secret history of the painting and the blemishes on its storied life.

It shows dozens of holes from the nails with which the huge canvas was fixed to the refectory wall in the Abbey of San Giorgio Maggiore, until it was ripped down on orders of Napoleon I. Once in France, it was unstitched across the middle and turned into two separate paintings to facilitate its hanging.

Most exciting for Veronese students are the tell-tale marks of where the master changed his mind. On the X-ray, the violinist in the center was leaning to the right to read a sheet of music, but Veronese then made him sit upright and play. The wine taster's left arm, now resting on his hip, at first was stretched out. Above the base player, a servant pouring wine for Christ was perhaps seen as a mistake because he was converted into two talking heads.

Officials of the Louvre, who first tried to hush up and then belittle the June accident, are now taking evident pride in the invisible mending and the transformation of the work. It is now the centerpiece of a Veronese exhibition that was inaugurated Monday with much fanfare.

The "Marriage at Cana" will remain on display and the temporary show will continue until March 29.

PEOPLE

Gilligan's Island Hits Chicago as a Musical

And now it's a musical: A charter boat out of Hawaii is shipwrecked on a desert island, and the dimwitted first mate, Gilligan, finds out every reason why by incurable bumbling.

The British author Julian Barnes

was awarded France's Femina prize for best foreign novel for his book "Love, etc." on Monday, while the American lawyer-turned-author Louis Begley won the best foreign novel prize in the Médias awards for "A Polish Education"

Learning English, the TV comedy

route: Martin Navratilova says she learned her English by watching TV shows like "Star Trek," "I Love Lucy," and "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

Mike Zwerin, jazz writer for the International Herald Tribune,

has been made a knight of France's Order of Arts and Letters by Jack Lang, the minister of culture.

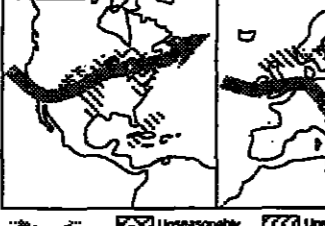
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WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Europe, including columns for Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, and Precipitation.

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday



There will be two areas of stormy weather in Europe late this week. The British Isles will have widespread rain Wednesday.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of Nov. 16.

BOOKS

FROM BIRDLAND TO BROADWAY: Jazz Stories

By Bill Crow. 273 pages. \$24. Oxford University Press.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

BILL CROW is a triple threat. As a jazz musician, he is sufficiently accomplished to have made a distinguished career playing bass fiddle with the likes of Stan Getz, Gerry Mulligan, Art Farmer and Benny Goodman.

For one thing, it focuses more on other musicians than on the author himself. More to the point, it engages in none of the druggy, boozy despair that, since "Young Man With a Horn," has characterized so much fictional and autobiographical writing about jazz.

Crow has had a hard-working, happy, notably straight life. He left Washington state in 1950, an army veteran who wanted a taste of the jazz life in Manhattan before he got on to whatever his real life was to be. He found his way to Birdland, "The Jazz Corner of the World," and a seat in the "bleachers," where impeccable jazz lovers could sit for nothing more than the basic price of admission.

For years Crow occupied himself with what jazz musicians call "scuffling," patching together bits and pieces of work, living in garrets and basements, eating on \$5 a week, and glorying in everything around him.

It was an absolutely extraordinary and inimitable time. There was an intermingling of jazz generations that could never again be duplicated. The titanic figures of the past — Basie, Ellington, Armstrong, Goodman — played on cards alongside those of the new age: Parker, Gillespie, Monk, Tatum.

Crow was right in the middle of it. He wasn't a major and would never claim to be, but he held his own among the giants, learning from all of them and quietly making note of their exuberance, their humor, their eccentricity.

Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The Washington Post.

By Robert Byrne

IN their final game, Bobby Fischer led his king position, Boris Spassky's prime target, be undermined. Fischer moved his king's knight, normally the king's best defender, to counterattack on the other side of the board, and Spassky responded over-optimistically.

Fischer once more resorted to the King's Indian Defense with Black, and Spassky again chose the Sarmisch Attack with 5 f3.

Fischer countered with the Panno Variation, 6...Nc6 and 7...a6, as in Games 8, 12 and 28; this prepares, when followed by ...Rb8, for the thrust ...b5 against the central white pawn phalanx. Spassky used 8 b4 to threaten the opening of the h file with the pawn sacrifice 9 h5 and Fischer pursued his strategy of blocking the maneuver with 8...h5.

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But this time when Spassky played 9...e5 10 d5 Nc4 11 Nb3 Nb3 12 Qb3, Fischer cleared the way for his king bishop with the daring 9...Nd7, which took an important defensive piece away from his king position, and after 10 Nb3, advanced 10...a5! to shake up the enemy formation with 11...a4.

Spassky headed off this disruption with 11 a4, but this left a hole on b4, and Fischer plopped a knight in there at once. Had Spassky started his mating attack immediately with 12 g4, Fischer could have countered with 12...hg 13 g5 e5! because 14 de Nc5 15 Nc5 de 16 Bc3 Qd1 17 Rd1 Bg4 yields him the initiative in a secure formation.

On Fischer's counterattack with 14...c5, Spassky's best course might have been to keep the center as

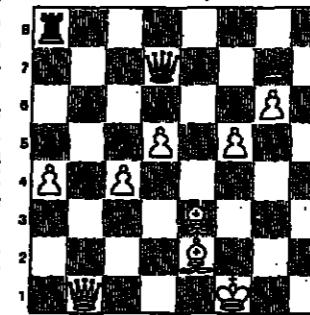
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closed as possible with 15 d5, although after 15...Nc5, with 16...e6 to follow, it would be very difficult to stop Fischer from seizing the initiative.

After 15 h5 of 16 Nc4 Nc5, the second of Fischer's knights had achieved an excellent post from which it controlled key center and queenside squares that inhibited the movement of Spassky's forces.

On 17 Nd5, it would have been wrong to capture with 17...Nc6 because 18 Nc4 b4 19 hg f2 Nc6 Qd7 21 Qd5 Qe2 22 Ne7 more than gets White out of all danger. Instead, Fischer calmly mobilized his queen bishop with 17...Bb7.

Spassky ebulliently sacrificed a knight to open the g file against the black king with 18 Nf5 g4 19 gf. But the sacrifice was not sound. Fischer eliminated another attacker with 19...Bd5 20 ef and then picked



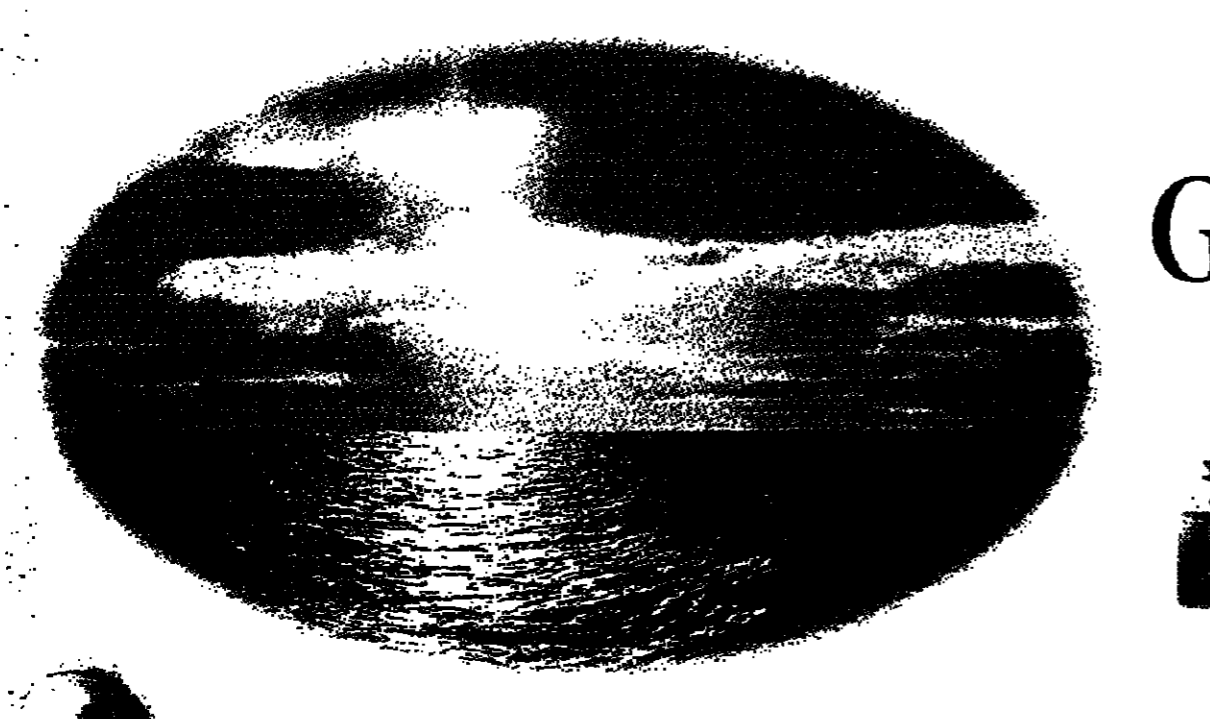
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confident that after 23 Rg1 Kxh6 (23...Bg7 is too risky; for example, 24 Bg7 Kx7 25 f6! Kx6 26 Qd1 Kx7 27 Rf7 Kx8 28 Qh6 mate) 28 Qd1 f6, he did not need his dark square to stop the attack.

After 27...Kg7, it was clear that Fischer was about to complete his defense with 28...Rb8. Spassky surrendered.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE  
White: Spassky, Black: Fischer

Table showing chess move notation for the King's Indian Defense game.



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